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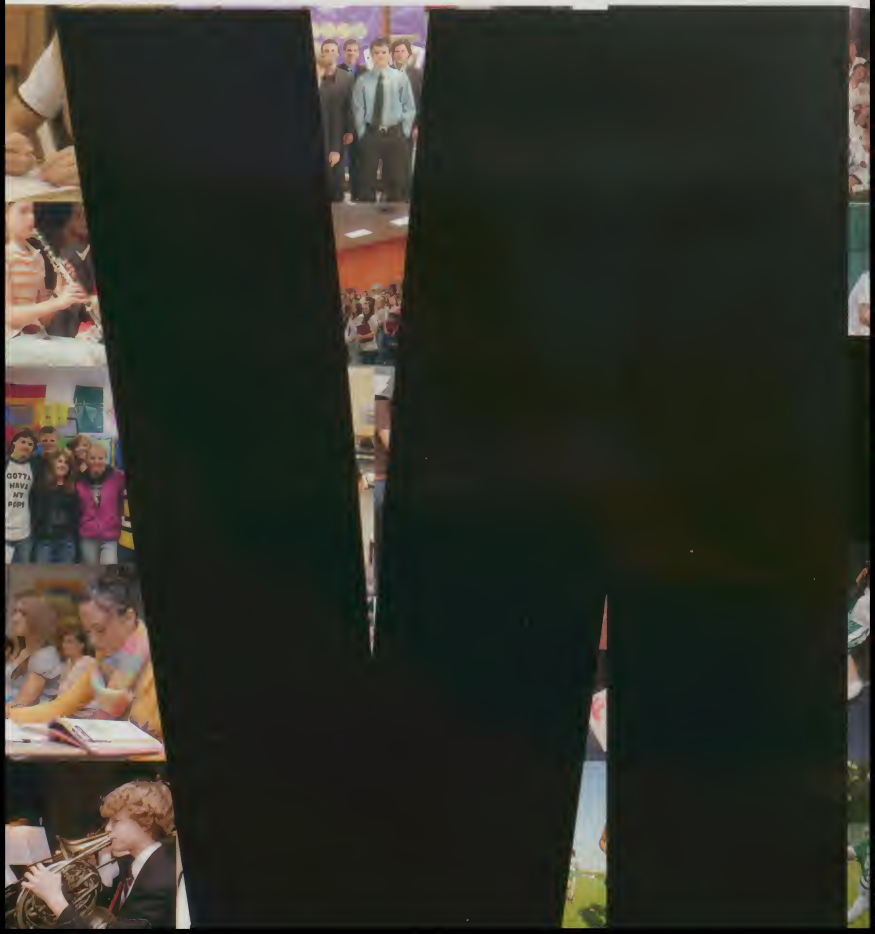
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Every year, new students are welcomed to the halls of Valparaiso High School to begin their journey as a Valpo Viking. High school is a time for challenges, growth, and change. Everyone in high school is looking for a place to fit in, whether it is through academics, sports, arts, or music. These are just a few of the activities that accompany this Viking lifestyle. Though many of the students participate in similar activities, they have their own individual styles. We are all just looking to succeed and move forward. It is this growth that makes us stronger and there isn't just one word capable of describing this development.

How do you define yourself? How would you define the people around you? Even though we make up one large group each person is unique, and this is our time to find out who we really are as individuals. We are students, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, and friends.





We are...



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A large part of **who we are** is decided by what we choose to do. From a glance, it looks just like a typical dance, a typical spring break, and a typical time for students to show their personalities. But, there was more to it.

No matter what is going on, mandatory or not, the students at VHS participate. They put a personal touch on what they are involved in. We would not be the unique school we are without our students.

In every situation, students represent **who we are** and **what we do**. This is how we choose to live it.





LEFT: Matt Scuderi, a senior participant in the Mr. VHS competition, shows off his talent as he plays "The Swan" on his cello. In the background, seniors Emily Van Laan and Kathryn Phillips do an interpretive dance.

RIGHT: Junior Nick Tryand, a member of the band S. I. T. H., sings energetically during the band's performance. Tryand's band took second place at the Battle of the Bands competition.

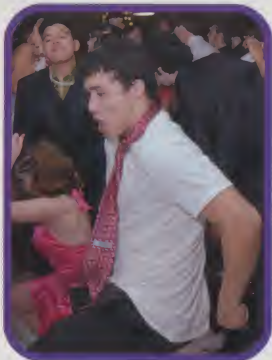


BELOW: Seniors Annesa Kasparian, Paul Albers, Megan Banschbach and Scott Doebler act in the fall performance of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

BELOW: During Homecoming Week, Taylor Burge, Taylor Fleeman, and Rachel Cough show their school spirit on Hat Day.



BELOW: Ryan Marcinkowski busts a move at the King of Hearts dance.



Battle of the Bands

Four bands competed on January 23rd, 2008, to become the winner of the fourth annual Battle of the Bands competition.

The four bands included *The Card-bored robots v.s Charles Manson*, *Last Minute*, *S.I.T.H.*, and *Cwunchitup*.

Cwunchitup took first place with *S.I.T.H.* finishing second. Second place winner, *S.I.T.H.*, also won the viewer's choice award.

"My greatest memory with the band was having drum parties and writing songs in the parking lots of the buildings we were about to play in," said Luke Mitchell from *Card-bored Robot vs. Charles Manson*.



"I think it needs another breakdown," said junior Steve Engel.

Chris Domer



"My greatest memory is when we threw away all of our songs last minute and wrote new ones," said junior **Chris Domer**.

"My favorite part was watching everyone get into the music and getting to see other people's passion for music," said junior **Percy Washington**.



Percy Washington

Cwunchitup

Meaning of band's name: tribute to

Merill Howard Kalin

Number of members: 3

Member names: **Tom Vukson, Jake Showalter, Paul Uhrina**

Cwunchitup won the 2008 Battle of the Bands competition which was sponsored by the VHS Drama Club.

The greatest memory for drummer **Paul Uhrina** was "performing overall, but especially the headbanging before we played."

It was the first time that Cwunchitup participated in the competition.



A Junior **Spencer Heuring** inspires the crowd.

B **Last Minute** rocks out on the stage.

C Students look on as the bands perform.

D **The Doctor Is In** play in between performances.

Homecoming Week

Dates: September 24- September 28, 2007

Float Winner: Spanish Club

Banner Winner: S.T.A.N.D.

Truck Winner: Hope Club

Homecoming Queen: Tess Meyer

Homecoming Princess: Margo Andrews

Score of Game

Valpo: 13 Merrillville: 55



Top Left: Student leader for Spanish Club, Tess Meyer, in costume as a Spanish girl.

Top Right: The Spanish Club float, featuring a Spanish girl in costume.

Bottom Left: Student leader for German Club, Margo Andrews, in costume as a German girl.

Bottom Right: Student leader for French Club, Margo Andrews, in costume as a French girl.



Top Right: Three girls (center) celebrating with Rachel Bough and Emily O'Brien after their dance performance.

Bottom: Superstars Todd Morrow and Jack Ryan cheer on the crowd at the homecoming pep assembly.

Becca Patton



Favorite event so far this year: Homecoming

Future career: Nurse

Favorite Spirit Day: Fantasy Career Day: I dressed up as Becky Crocker and wore an apron and carried around cooking utensils."

As co-captain of the cheerleading squad, Rebecca Patton, known as Becca to most, held many responsibilities regarding the homecoming dance.

"As captain, it was my job to make sure everyone knew what they were doing and to lead my team in a positive way," Patton said.

Themed as Arabian Nights, Becca decided on this theme because of her love for the movie *Aladdin*. She was also inspired by many other things in her life, including her mother.

"My personal hero is my mom because no matter what, she is always there for me and always finds a way to rise from the ashes."

Homecoming Week

Sports Day



"I love Chicago teams!
My favorites are the
Bulls, Bears, and Cubs."

—Emily Longhi '06

Fantasy Career Day



"A lot of people did
double-takes when they
saw me and then started
laughing really hard"

—Michael Pavell, '06

Hat Day



"I wore the hat that my
great-grandmother made
a long time ago. I found
out the correct way to
wear it that morning"

—Rick Cardile, '06

Class Color Day



"Dressing up during Spirit
Week is my favorite part
of Homecoming."

—Morgan Olsen, '09

Green and White Day



"The atmosphere at the
game was amazing—it's
awesome to see how
pumped up the crowd
gets!"

—Briana Hayes '09



1. Sophomore class president Amy Zabawa wrapped around all of the boys after winning and in the home by senior classmate Ted Summers.
2. Embrey Bell looks to the homecoming game.
3. Seniors Andrew Gray and Olla Proud cheer at the homecoming football game.

Homecoming Dance

The theme for the 2007 Homecoming Dance was "Arabian Nights". Becca Patton and Kelcey Hall, the two captains of the varsity cheerleading team were in charge of the selection.

"First, we formed committees, then we began making projects so that all we had to do was put everything in its place," said Patton.

The dance was decorated with a fake airport, magic carpet, and a colorful pillow room.

"The decorations were really good this year. They picked a really good theme!" said junior Kristen Kelley.

The dance was held on Saturday, September 29 from 8pm to 11 pm in the VHS cafeteria.



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1 The Casper Slide was a favorite dance with students.

2 A group of girls enjoy the evening at the homecoming dance

Billy Danapas and Vanessa Aguirre



"I really liked getting ready, and then going to dinner at Strongbows."

Billy Danapas, '09

"My favorite part of homecoming was getting all dressed up, and then going to dinner with my friends."

Logan Andrews, '10



Logan Andrews and Matt Hittinger

Tessa Meyer

nickname: Tess

favorite quote: "Live the life you love, love the life you live."

favorite song: *Everyday* by Dave Matthews Band

Senior Tessa Meyer was crowned the homecoming queen at the football game on September 28th. Meyer was a member of CASS, Key Club, and NHS.

"I really liked all the girls on the court so I would of been happy with whoever won, but of course, I was very excited when my name was called," Meyer said.



2007 Homecoming Court

(L-R) Mike Pavell, Molly O'Brien, Alex Mogck, Emily Welter, Max Brellinger, Tessa Meyer, Margo Andrews, Trent Redington, Kailee Pynakker, George Brittain, Rachel Gough, Billy Wunder



A Sophomore **Nicole Briggs** and her date gaze into each other's eyes.

B The 2007 Homecoming Court poses for a picture.

C **Kelly Mercaldo** and **Taylor Bosse** walk into the dance.

D Junior **Jenny Hilker** quenches her thirst with punch.

"You're a good man, Charlie Brown"

fall musical

Under the direction of Ms. Lindsay Babcock, the fall musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, featured a variety of singing, dancing, and comic humor. The production was based on the Peanuts comic book strips. It was centered around the character of Charlie Brown and his search to find happiness with himself.

The cast rehearsed for over a month. "At some points, I was cracking up from watching from the audience during rehearsals," said Junior Emily Bess. The musical was performed on Friday, November 16, Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18. About 1,800 tickets were sold, and except for a few technical difficulties, Ms. Babcock thought the show went really well.

"I was really excited to work on *Charlie Brown* because it was my first production with the VHS Drama Department, and I could not have asked for a better cast and crew!"

Miss Anne Wartman,
Asst. Director



Charlie Brown, played by senior Aaron Porter, sings a song about the Little Red-Headed Girl in this year's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

George Brittain



Linus

"I just love theater and on top of that I got to hang out with Steve Strom and Scott Doeblert!"

"The toughest part about rehearsals was getting all the makeup off. There was so much!"



Pigpen

Carly Blane

Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*
Theme Song: "Mmmmbop" by Hanson
Phobias: tornados and crumbs

Sophomore Carly Blane aspires to be an actress on Broadway one day. She has been singing since she "was a baby" and had her first acting role in *Oliver* in the second grade. She participated in Drama Club, Speech Club, and Concert Choir and had a lead role in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, as Charlie's sister, Sally Brown.

Blane has lived in Valpo all of her life. "It is not the most exciting place, but I still enjoy it," said Blane. She likes to dance in her room or go to Navy Pier at night. She lives by the advice, "Life ain't fair," but also believes, perhaps more optimistically, that "anything is possible."



A



C



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A Brendan Scannell sings a solo for his role as Snoopy.

B The cast gathers around lead Aaron Porter.

C Molly Vass as Frieda, Megan Banschbach as Violet, and Julia St. John as Lucy, look at valentines.

D Kristofer Rosario as Schroeder, "plays" the piano while Julia St. John as Lucy, looks on.

Mr. VHS

Saturday Night Fever

Hours of practice, early mornings, and a lot of creativity were what it took to be a part of the 2008 Mr. VHS contest.

Sixteen senior guys participated and each displayed their abilities in the areas of towel wear, formal wear, and talent. In addition, the top five had to answer a final question. The sixteen competitors were **Todd Morton, Matt Scuderi, Cliff Bryan, Sriharsha Kota, Max Breitingner, Dan Thibadeau, Alfonso Bray, David Summers, Todd Miner, Pat Pochop, Mike Barton, Corey Baxter, Steve Szrom, Mike Wendahl, Michael Pavell, and Matt Goldschmidt.** Their hard work paid off, making the show a success with 700 tickets sold. **Cliff Bryan** took home the title of Mr. VHS, while **Mike Wendahl** was a close second.

A variety of other awards were given out at the end of the show as well such as Best 6:00 a.m. Smile and Most Likely to Win Dancing with the Stars in the Future.

Todd Morton



"To prepare for the competition I had to do countless hours of dance rehearsals, weight training, intense dieting, yoga, Pilates, and meditation."

"The proceeds go directly to the Student Council general fund, which makes things such as homecoming, Riley's Children's Hospital donation, Hats on To Cancer, food drive, and gift drive all possible."

—Mrs. DeYoung, Student Council sponsor



Contestant **Max Breitingner** displays his musical talent during the show. Breitingner performed a song he wrote, played the piano, and beatboxed.

"I had to watch the *Napolean Dynamite* dance like 100 times in order to learn it for my talent. I also spent a lot of time dancing in front of the mirror."



Alfonso Bray

Cliff Bryan

Personal Hero: "Bill Cosby because he makes a living being funny; he's living a dream."

Superpower: Superman, "the man of steel"

Theme Song: *Pirates of the Caribbean* theme

"In whatever you do, do it fully and to the best of your ability." This was the best piece of advice senior **Cliff Bryan** had ever received. As president of student council, he was also an avid piano and violin player, a CASS mentor, as well as a member of the varsity golf team. In addition, he was also chosen as Mr. VHS.

Bryan also taught kids golf at Creekside and Valparaiso golf courses. "I loved working with kids, because they would say the darndest things!" said **Bryan**.

"If I wasn't involved in all that I am, I would probably be sitting home watching *Antique Road Show*," said **Bryan**. "I wouldn't know all my friends I have now, and I wouldn't be as active in the community."



A Steve Szrom attempts to relive his childhood on stage during his comedy act in the talent portion of the show.

B All the contestants dance to *Stayin' Alive* in the opening number.

C Pat Pochop and **Michael Barton** perform an original dance.

D Dressed as Spiderman, **Corey Baxter** defeats an evil villain.

King of Hearts



Welcome to the Jungle

It was a part of Valparaiso High School tradition for the Key Club to sponsor the turnabout dance, also known as the King of Hearts Dance. *Jungle* was the theme of the event and the decorations consisted of palm trees and various exotic animals. The dance was held on Saturday, February 23, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"My favorite part of the decorations were the main entrance and the display case with the monkeys in it," said dance planner **Kathryn Phillips**.

During the dance, two senior boys were elected as the Prince and King. **Pat Pochop** won the title of Prince and **Brody Carter** was voted King.

The other nominees included **Cliff Byran**, **Michael Pavell**, **Alex Sarkisian**, and **Billy Wunder**. Dance attendees voted for their favorite court nominee as they arrived at the dance.



Seniors **Emily Simison** and **Kevin Ostafinski** enjoy the music and festivities of the evening.

Billy Wunder



"Tarzan day was my favorite day to dress up wearing that cheetah print."

"My favorite part of being on the court was dressing up the week before the dance."



Pat Pochop

Brody Carter

Favorite Jungle Animal: Howling Monkey

Favorite Dance Move: Sprinkler

Favorite Dance Song: Goodies by Clara



Senior **Brody Carter** was crowned King of Hearts at the dance on February 23. He was escorted by **Jamie Hootnick**. "At first I thought Pat won, so when they announced my name I was just shocked, and extremely happy," said **Carter**.

"The dance was one great big memory. I had a great dinner with a good looking date, and to top it all off I was the winner. The entire day of the dance was my greatest memory," said **Carter**.

A



B



A Junior **Kevin Nolan** and his date smile happily as they dance to a slow song.

B Dance attendees enjoy themselves on the dance floor.

C Sophomore **Daphne Zeiters** casts her vote for King of Hearts.

D Nominees **Billy Wunder**, **Cliff Bryan**, and **Michael Pavell** dress up as Jane before the dance.

D



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Madness

Both shows were sold out both nights.

Two hundred and fifteen tickets were sold in total

The red team won the audience vote both nights

Mocha Madness was an improvisational show presented on Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1. The theme for the show was "American Gladiator Improv Battle."

There were 25 participants in the show. They were divided into a red and a blue team. The winning team was decided on by an audience vote near the end of the show.

Audience members were seated on the stage, providing for a closer setting. Participants in the show served them with drinks and snacks.

The hosts of the show both nights were juniors **Aaren Kracich** and **Brendan Scannell**.

The students practiced three to four times a week for five weeks in preparation of the show.



The winning red team receives their trophy at the end of the show.

Christy St. John '10



"My favorite part of Mocha Madness was laughing with this great group of people!"

"I really enjoyed participating in Mocha Madness. The different mix of people made it a pleasure to work with them."



Kaitlyn Kleeman '08

Superpower: Teleportation

Senior **Sean Cunningham** had been performing on stage since the second grade. "My teacher made me," said **Cunningham**. He preferred Mocha Madness to other performances because it was much more fun, and he did not have to stress over forgetting lines.

Cunningham also played baseball. In addition, he worked at the Benjamin Franklin Skate Rink and at the Valpo Country Club as a bag boy during the summer. He planned to attend Lindenwood University and major in math education.



A Sophomore **Michael McBride** and senior **Kaitlyn Kleeman** speak to Assistant Director Miss Anne Wartman during the show.

B Members of the audience vote for their favorite team.

C Juniors Aaren Kracich and Brendan Scannell open the show with a funny dialogue.

D The blue team is introduced to the audience.



Spring Break 2008

Many VHS students got the chance to relax and take a much anticipated break. Many went on vacations to various tropical places and others stayed at home and spent time with family and friends. "I had a lot of fun getting to see my family all the way out in Alabama that I don't get to visit with very often. Plus, the warm weather was great," said senior **Jaclyn Hall**.



Amanda Kemer, K.C. Wuebbeling, and Emilia Stipa stand together on a bridge in Panama City Beach, Florida.



Seniors Becky Townsend and Anne Wallace enjoy the Lake Michigan Beachs.



Seniors Kelsey McShane and Leslie Ostrowski go parasailing in Hawaii.



1. Juniors **Whitney Anderson** and **Brandi Chang** stand in front of their cruise ship in St. Maarten.

2. Seniors **Chelsey Weirich** and **Cassandra Castillo** lay out together in Ft. Myers, Florida.

3. Senior **Rob Chaney** admires a gorilla statue at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, Illinois.

4. Seniors **Amanda Tompl**, **Bridget O'Brien**, **Rachel Hurley**, **Molly O'Brien**, **Kelcey Hall**, and sophomore **Kelly O'Brien** pose together at the Moon Palace Resort in Cancun, Mexico.

5. Senior **Elisha Moncada** stands on a balcony in Ixtopa, Mexico.

6. Seniors **Kelli Burns**, **Maggie Ombremowski**, **A.J. Misch**, and **Miles Henderson** enjoy the beach in Florida.

7. Sophomore **Stephanie Downey** took a photograph of the shores of North Carolina.

8. Juniors **Michelle Walla**, **Bri Sever**, **Christina Rodich**, and **Sara Frey** spend time together in Cancun, Mexico.



Seniors **Iris Summers**, **Hannah Hupp**, and **Lauren Sharp** swim together at a pool in Mexico.



Seniors **Kot Phillips** and friends enjoy dining and a night out during spring break.



Senior **Alison Balda** visited Rome during her spring break vacation.

April Antics

April Antics took place on April 18th and 19th in the VHS auditorium. This year's theme was "Battle of the Sexes". The whole show was set in a college (XYU) and there was a feud between the sorority and fraternity on the campus. The show featured dancing, singing, and other talents of VHS students.

"It's always exciting to see the show come together. The rehearsals are always stressful because we only had about 6 with a full cast. The show turned out great!" said show director, Lindsay Babcock.

"It was fun to be a part of the Brendan Scannell show," said senior Scott Doebler.

During two nights, 1,700 tickets were sold.

Eighty-five people participated in this year's April Antics.

The cast only practiced for 1 1/2 weeks before the show.



Josh Bowman, Nick Bullman, Mark Speckard, Patrick Bushbaum, and Steve McGuirl perform to N*SYNC's "Bye-Bye-Bye"



Junior Kelly Clapp and sophomore Kristen Cowan sing "Where's the Love" by Hanson while the rest of the cast looks on

Michael McBride '10



Acting was a great way to increase my well-being. I liked being satisfied with myself. I wanted my voice to be heard.

Marie Gibson '11



My favorite part of performing was the energy rush I got right before I went onstage.

Brendan Scannell



Biggest Phobia: Things that go bump in the night

Favorite TV Shows: "Lost"; "The Office"

Favorite Movie: Gladiator

Junior **Brendan Scannell** first performed on stage in middle school, and according to him, "has been hooked ever since." His hobbies included acting, making movies, speech, and writing skits.

Scannell also worked at Cold Stone Creamery. In addition, he was the junior class president, was on the speech team, and performed in community theater.

His personal hero was his dad because "he came from very little and has been extremely successful because of his hard work and trustworthiness."



A Juniors **Travis Jefferson** and **Scott McGuirl** perform "Blue Hallelujah", a song written by **McGuirl**.

B Students sing and dance to "It's Raining Men."

C Junior **Hayley Costas** sings and plays the piano while senior **Molly Vass** looks on.

D Junior **Ken Armour**, sophomore **Carley Blane**, and Junior **Aaren Kracich** perform as contestants on a dating show.

Prom

Once Upon a Time

The theme for the 2008 prom was "Once Upon a Time." It took place at the Porter County Expo Center on Friday, May 16, at 8:30 PM. Six hundred fifty one tickets were sold.

Seniors **Maddie Baker** and **Matt Scuderi** were named Prom Queen and King. Juniors **Mallory Brobrowski** and **J.J. Peller** were named Prom Princess and Prince.

Post-prom took place at another part of the Expo Center from 11:00 PM- 3:00 AM. Its theme was Club Paradise. It featured inflatable games, card games, massages, a DJ, a fondue fountain and other snacks. "Post prom was really cool because it had so many different things to do. The decorations were amazing and I think everyone had a great time!" said senior **Molly Vass**.



"Two friends were given the honor of being prom court royalty and the procession all at the Expo."

Justin Williams '08



"Prom was a special time. It was a great time to be with friends and family and to celebrate the end of high school."

Anthony Douglas '08

Prom Timeline

Getting Asked:

Junior **Jake Johnson** asks junior **Ashley Mallek** to Prom.



Getting Ready:

Junior **Calie Fiorek** styles her hair before the dance.



Grand March:

Juniors **Becky Brown** and **Brian Aggrey** pose during the Grand March.



Post Prom:

Junior **Ashley Johnson** sits with her friend while eating pizza at Post-Prom which was held at the Expo Center.



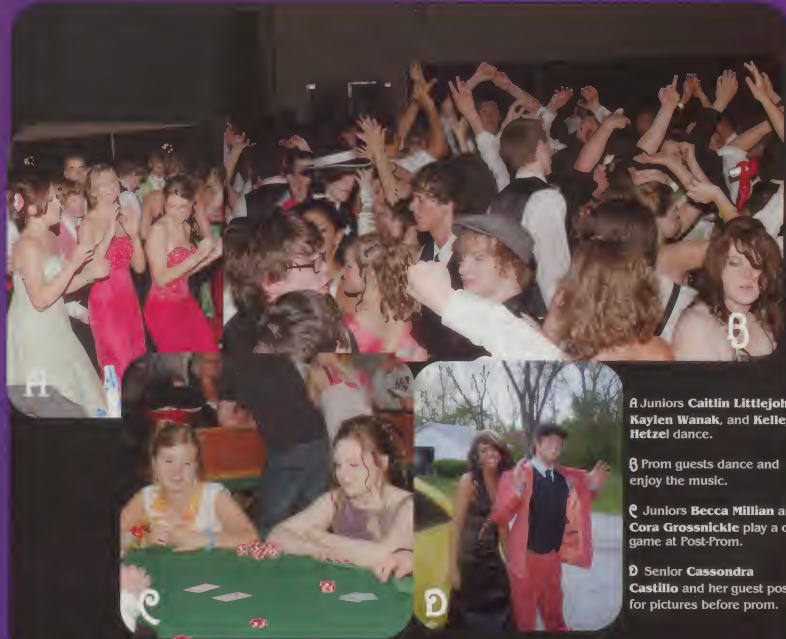
Maddie Baker

Biggest Phobia: The dark, murderers
Favorite TV Show: "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
One Wish: To stop hate

"Have faith and live for today". This was the best advice senior **Maddie Baker** had ever received. **Baker** coached volleyball on and off at the school and the Valpo Volleyball Club.

Baker planned to attend the University of Notre Dame. She hoped to become an orthopedic surgeon.

After being nominated for prom queen, **Baker** said she "laughed." Upon winning, she said, "It was definitely something I'll always remember."



A Juniors **Caitlin Littlejohn**, **Kaylen Wanak**, and **Kelley Hetzel** dance.

B Prom guests dance and enjoy the music.

C Juniors **Becca Millian** and **Cora Grossnickle** play a card game at Post-Prom.

D Senior **Cassandra Castillo** and her guest pose for pictures before prom.

Graduation

Class of 2008



The one hundred thirty-fourth commencement ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 in the Valparaiso High School gymnasium.

Principal Patrick Weil welcomed the graduates, parents, faculty, and guests to the event.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was **Assistant Principal Michael Pavell**. Student speakers chosen by the graduating class were seniors **Arianna Kovachevich** and **Michael Barton**.

"In My Life" was the class song and it was performed by **Mari DiVeris, Annesa Kasparian, Todd Miner, and Katie Shrader**.



During preparations in the field house, **Principal Patrick Weil** prepares the graduates for the ceremony by telling them exactly what to expect upon entering the gym.



Chosen by her classmates to give a speech at graduation, senior **Arianna Kovachevich** spoke of "making it count."

Senior speaker **Michael Barton** addresses the 2008 graduates. During his speech, he expressed admiration for his fellow classmates.





A Seniors **Mari DiVeris** and **Annesa Kasparian** sing the class song, "In My Life" by the Beatles.



B **Evan Gootee** receives his diploma from **Administration Officer Dave White**.



C Senior class secretary **Hannah Hupp** presents **Principal Weil** with an honorary plaque as a gift from the class of 2008.



D Seniors **Katie Shrader** and **Todd Miner** play the class song on keyboards.



B

A The senior class officers say a few words about **Principal Pat Weil**.

B **Alexa Kovachevich** and **Ethan Kruse** talk and look over the program.

C **Nick Kirkpatrick** and **Nick King** congratulate each other.

D **Iris Summers** and **Donelle Henderlong** lead the way as the first graduates to enter the gym.

E **Mike Arnold** looks over the diploma he just received.

F Senior class treasurer

Caroline Walsh takes a flower after getting her diploma.



D



E



Senior Class Officers



(L-R) Vice-president Catie Welsh, president Iris Summers, and treasurer Caroline Walsh. Not Pictured: Secretary Hannah Hupp

Senior class officers Iris Summers, Catie Welsh, Hannah Hupp, and Caroline Walsh all agreed, they joined Student Council to help get people involved. In addition, as seniors, these girls were in charge of such events as graduation, the baccalaureate ceremony, and both the senior banquet and picnic.

However, this was not all they were in charge of this year. Although they were seniors, these girls definitely did not have time for slacking off. Chosen for their love of responsibility, each girl was very excited for the year ahead of them and the impact they would have on their fellow classmates. Student Council also ran many fundraisers including multiple soc-hops throughout the year and Mr. VHS in the spring. Every officer had their own goals for this year.

"I hoped to become even more involved in order to meet more people, help out our community, and HAVE FUN!" said treasurer Caroline Walsh.

Jenna Agee
Ather Ahmed
Paul Albers
Yacoub Aljobeh
Laura Alonzo



Alexa Amatulli
Michelle Anderson
Margo Andrews
Jenna Angelini
Michael Arnold



Sonia Arroyo
Kayla Baker
Madeline Baker
Jonathan Balazs
Alison Baldea





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Brett Balingit
Jason Ballard
Kelci Banschbach
Megan Banschbach



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David Beckwith
Ryan Bejna
Caitlin Bennett
Kurt Bertram



Anthony Blakely
Brian Blankenship
Alexandra Bluell
Megan Bobrowski
Michael Bocek



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Jodie Boy
Kayla Breitenbach
Maxwell Breitingner
Christine Brichta



Stephanie Brissette
Alecia Brown
Kristopher Brown
Clifford Bryan
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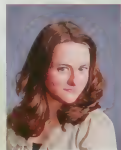
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Bradley Cozza
Sean Cunningham
Amanda Czorny
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Elizabeth Danielson
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Alexander Dean
Andrew Dejesus
Meghan Denny





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Scott Doeblir
Anthony Douglass
Christine Drakos
Whitney Dulla



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Courtney Eickmann
Ryan Ellis
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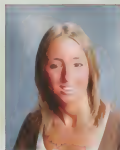


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Ashley Guntz



Handling School and the Responsibilities of a Job

Most students in high school had a job, either to have extra spending money or to pay for their shopping addictions. In addition, students used their earnings to pay for gas, trips, and other amenities.

However, balancing school and the responsibilities of a job could be a fairly difficult task. Not only did students have to finish their homework at night, but they had to work, typically from 5pm to 9pm, or maybe even later. This could add stress to the already hectic life of a teenager. Getting along with co-workers was also difficult, said senior Rebecca Townsend who worked at Panera Bread. If one did not enjoy the job that they had and often disagreed with co-workers, the duty could become even more complicated.

Students learned life lessons from the jobs that they had in high school. Senior Jenna Angelini, who worked at Panera Bread as well, learned many things from her job. "When running a business, you must satisfy customers, which makes a better business in the long run," she said. Jobs also taught students to become independent and to learn the importance of being on time and working to one's potential.

One thing that senior Ben Shuta gained from working with the Valpo swim club was learning how to handle and deal with small children. Shuta worked this year to save up for spring break in Cancun, Mexico.

Caterina McElwain



Alex Kerr





Jordan Guyer
Jaclyn Hall
Kelcey Hall
Samantha Haller



Elliot Hartsough
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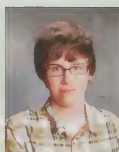


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Emily Longhi
Jordan Longstreth



Jalyssa Lopez
Thomas Lyons
Kristen Macke
Ajay Major
Kirsten Mangel

Rebekah Niedner

Favorite Music: Coldplay, Ben Folds, Simon and Garfunkel, and Gavin DeGraw

If I had three wishes: "I would ask for two extra hours in every day, a new superpower every morning, and a cure for AIDS."

Why she's unique: 1st in the senior class of 488 students for 4 consecutive years

As students, we are constantly told to do our best, work our hardest, and achieve our goals. Our parents and teachers hold us to very high standards, but no one puts more pressure on us than we put on ourselves. "I put more pressure on myself than my parents do. They just want me to do my best," Niedner said. In order to exceed our own expectations we must be willing to make sacrifices. Rebekah Niedner, or Bekka, as she is known to her friends, knows exactly what this means.

"I'd say schoolwork is a top priority for me. I always keep up with my homework because even if that means giving something else up, I know it's important. Sometimes, it means only getting four of five hours of sleep a night but not always. There are times when I get eight hours of sleep which is rare but totally amazing!"

So, what keeps her motivated to continue working so hard?

"I wouldn't have gone after number one if it wouldn't have just happened, but now that I have it, I don't want to lose it."



Jeremy Marchand
Erika Marinello
Elissa Martin
Eric McClure
Caterina McElwain



Brendan McGuirl
Sara McKinley
Kelly McMillan
Kelsey McShane
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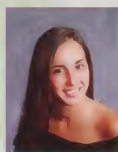
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The Effects of Gas Prices on Students

Gas prices. It was something that most teenagers once they hit their 16th birthday learned to hate. The price at the pump went up greatly in just the last year. During 2007 alone, the price reached the record high of \$3.26 in May of 2007.

Could you imagine paying under a dollar for gas? How about under 50 cents? Well, that was what parents were paying in the 1970s. A gallon of regular gas was priced \$.36 per gallon. These days, one could not even buy anything for \$.36!

"The increase in gas prices caused other products such as milk and eggs to increase their value due to the costs of transportation in refrigerated vehicles," said junior Kayla McClain. "Kids were going to go breakfast-less!"

"Ow, it hurt," said junior Caitlin Littlejohn. "The problem with gas was that it was a necessity. I couldn't get anywhere without it!"

Senior Aaron Porter was at a great disadvantage because the Valparaiso Bus System did not go past his house. How did Porter deal with the rising gas prices? "I used my money more wisely and my parents helped pay for gas," said Porter.

There were many different ways to deal with rising gas prices, and senior Molly Vass dealt with them in a couple of great ways. "I borrowed my mom's car a lot and my parents helped me pay for gas, and my friends and I carpooled sometimes," Vass said.



Senior Elaine Rodriguez yells at the pump for charging her so much money for gas. "I heard it was going to be \$4 by the summer. I am going to have to invest in a bike now," she said.



Katlin Simmons
Emilia Sija
Katelyn Skinner
Michael Slack
Alysha Sly



Ryan Smith
Tiffany Smock
Mark Speckhard
Michael Srnc
Julia St John



Brittany Stack
Samantha Stanton
Richard Stark
Vada Stasierowski
Amber Steele



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Michael Stuck
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Joy Sullivan
Stephen Sullivan



David Summers
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Casey Thompson
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Taylor Tompkins
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Rebecca Townsend
Brian Tran
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Molly Vass
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Aaron Velasquez
Benton Vernosky
Joseph Virgil
Taylor Vogelhut
Zachary Vouga



Martin Vukson
Michelle Walker
Amelia Wallace
Caroline Walsh
Alyssa Walter





Dana Wasson
Chelsey Weirich
Jessica Wells
Caitlin Welsh
Emily Welser



Michael Wendahl
Joshua Werner
Michelle Westerhausen
Jacob White
Rebecca White



Barbara Wilkerson
Jasmine Williams
Justin Williams
Simone Williams
Sarah Wirzman



Jessica Wojda
Kristopher Wuebbeling
William Wunder
Allyson Yager
Heather Zaharias



Michael Zappetillo
Aaron Zerza
James Zubik

Senior Royalties

2008

Winners in each category are listed first.



Biggest Flirt



Brody Carter
Tyson Daake
Billy Wunder



Hannah Hupp
Mari Diveris
Jen Stolarz



Drama King/Queen



Brian Tran
Nick Bullman



Kelcey Hall
Mary Moats
Julia St. John

Best Hair



Gianni Galbiati
Max Breitingner
Anthony Christopher



Stef Puaca
Silver Horton
Alexa Raynor

Best Laugh



Aaron Porter

Worst Driver



Zach Lomaka
Matt Goldschmidt
Matt Meyer



Karli Reich
Sam Bowker
Iris Summers

Most Likely to Never Return to Valpo



Ather Ahmed
Tan Boriboune
Terada Yasuyuki



Laura Mittelstaedt
Kelsey McShane
Lauren Sharp



Most Likely to Take Over the World



Sriharsha Kota
Gianni Galbiati
Bob Rogers



Arianna Kovachevich
Kate Sanders
Tori Schroeder

Class Clown

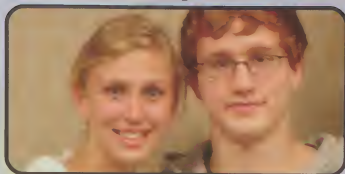


Peter Borovilos
Ben Vernosky
Billy Wunder



Christine Drakos
Jordan Jones
Kaitlyn Kleemann

Best Couple



Krista Schaefer and Jon Balazs
Emily Welter and Alex Mogck



Best Smile



Rich Cardile
Brody Carter
Tommy Churchard



Tessa Meyer
Rachel Gough
Kailee Pynakker



Most Likely to Succeed



Ajay Major
Max Breitingner
Michael Stuck



Rebekah Niedner
Kate Sanders
Caroline Walsh

Best Musical Talent



Roy Castro
Cliff Bryan
Jim Burnell



Erika Marinello
Mary Moats
Stephanie Shelton

Best Personality



Pat Pochop
Ben Vernovsky
Billy Wunder



Tessa Meyer
Christine Drakos
Caroline Walsh

Most Likely to Stay in Valpo



Michael Pavell
Peter Borovilos
Brad Cozza



Iris Summers
Sam Haller
Emily Van Laan

Best Dressed



Rich Cardile
Cliff Bryan
Zach Vouga



Becca Patton
Alexa Amatulli
Alexa Raynor



Best Athlete



Alex Sarkisian
Tommy Churchard
Scott Rastovic



Abbey Sutton
Meghan Denny
Jordan Longstreth



Most Artistic



Anthony Christopher
Ajay Major
Phil Santay



Megan Taylor
Laura Jack
Alexa Kovachevich

Junior Class Officers

Responsibilities piled up quickly for the junior class officers this past year. They were in charge of the homecoming parade and spirit week during the fall, as well as prom and post-prom in the spring. In addition, they were responsible for Mr. VHS and many other activities as well.

"I needed a challenge and I knew that I had the capabilities to lead and organize large projects. It has been tough and stressful at times, but more importantly it has been fun, and it has been real," said Brendan Scannell.

The members of Student Council worked relentlessly on planning prom. "We started planning for prom toward the beginning of the year," said class treasurer Matt Burgess. "The other class officers put a lot of time into prom. We wanted it to be perfect."

"StuCo was a great way to become more involved in the junior class," said secretary Michelle Walla. "It allowed me to do things I otherwise would not have done, like going to Munich for a convention and going to various leadership conferences with the council."

Similarly, Nick Skok said that he ran for vice president because he liked the challenge and wanted to have more responsibility in Student Council.



**(L-R) Vice-president Nick Skok,
president Brendan Scannell,
secretary Michelle Walla, and
treasurer Matt Burgess**

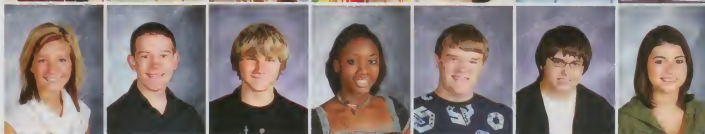
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Aripita Appanagari
Kenneth Armour
Scott Austin



Madison Balbo
Michael Ball
Skyler Balmer
Desmetria Barnes
Charles Barratt
Alexander Barrios
Andrea Bates



Curtis Bayne
Craig Bazin
Ethan Beach
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Laura Beilfuss
Kara Bekelya



Zachariah Bergman
John Berning
Emily Bess
Nicole Bianco
Kirsten Birky
Ariadny Bisacky
Gina Bishop





Samantha Black
Mallory Bobrowski
Dana Bohannon
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Rebecca Brown
Alicia Brunker
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Hannah Camp
Timothy Carey
Shannay Carpenter



Brandon Carter
Kyle Cassidy
Sydney Castle
Daniel Cempel
Emily Cender
Brandi Chang
Jacob Chester



Stacy Christodoulakis
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Carly Chuich
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Richard Chumbley
Edward Chuprinskas
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Nicholas Devries
Jordan Dewees
Heather Deyoung
Gage Dobbins



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Jestin Ferrell
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Allison Flasch
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Julie Floran
Calin Florek
Trace Flynn
Abigail Ford
Andrea Fraley



Laura Franz
Margaret Freeman
Sarah Frey
Lisa Gabbard
Linsay Gaither
Ricardo Galarza
Amanda Garbison



Libbie Gittiland
Haley Glickauf
Echo Goble
Samantha Goethals
Jonathan Gold
Joselyn Goldsmith
Mario Gonzalez



Caitlin Gooding
Mary Gordon
Jeremy Gore
Megan Gottlieb
Joseph Gottschlich
Joseph Gough
Christopher Goyné



Laura Graber
Abigail Gratz
Megan Graykowski
Robert Greenwald
Nicole Greenboam
Zachary Greiner
Amanda Groves





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Kyle Jacques



William Janeway
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Kacie Kirkpatrick
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Lisa Kurr
Mary Lajeunesse
Danielle Landgrebe
Gina Lang



Samantha Lawson
Jonathan Lebron
Ashton Lee
Kristin Lenz
Vaughan Leslie
Haley Leuthart
Timothy Lewis



Donald Lightfoot
James Lipscomb
Eric Lisak
Caitlin Littlejohn
Christopher Lockard
Kara Lonsider
Christina Loutzenhiser



Hannah Scupham

Favorite Movie: Roman Holiday

Dream Car: Porsche Boxster

Favorite Sports Team: Chicago Bears

Junior **Hannah Scupham** was involved in Speech and Debate and Girl Scouts. Her hobbies included hanging out with friends, reading, and listening to music. She was also writing a book. "As of right now, I have around 250 pages, and I'm going strong," said Scupham.

She hopes to get it published while she is still at VHS and make everyone proud. "I would love to be a writer, but I am going to be a lawyer," said Scupham.

Scupham lived in Germany for two years. "I am really grateful that my parents took me there. I learned about another culture and I picked up on a new language at a really young age. I've been lucky enough to see places and experience things that some people will never see."

She went to a middle school with a class of only fourteen students. "Coming to the high school was more than a little frightening, but everyone at VHS was so kind. I felt I fit right in," she said.

"I hope senior year is just as much fun," she added.





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Joshua Martin
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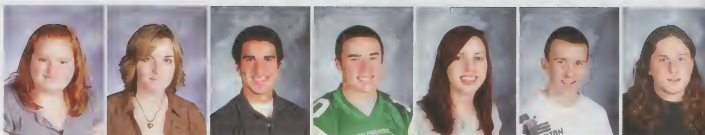


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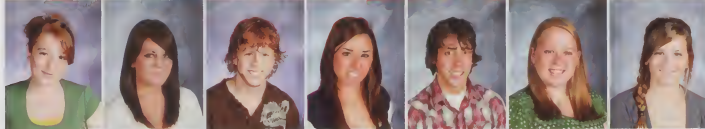
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Kayla Thorpe



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Jamison Todd
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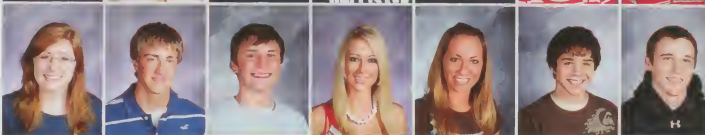
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Derrick Woods
Brienne Wozniak
Elliott Wratten
Robert Yarrington



John York
Alec Zerza



Going Green

Going Green or making changes in one's daily routine to help save the environment and diminish Global Warming was probably one of the biggest concerns of the year. It seemed that everyone was doing it.

For example, the 2008 Oscars officially went green by doing things such as providing hybrid cars to escort the celebrities to and from the show and printing all paper products on recyclable paper. Many other award shows followed suit, and television network NBC hosted a Green Week from November 4-11, showing their TV shows themed on environmentalism and giving tips to the viewers on how to lead a greener life. Celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, and Sheryl Crow all endorsed and contributed to the green effort. This was one trend where everyone wanted a part. At VHS, the Earth Awareness Club recycled every Thursday. They also had a beach clean-up and took a canoe trip where they picked up trash in a river. Earth Awareness Club worked really hard to help the environment, but you definitely do not have to be in the club to help out, said sophomore Andrea Kalasountas, an officer of EAC. Take the following quiz to evaluate how environmentally conscious you are.



1. Generally, how long are your showers?
A. 5-7 minutes, no longer
B. 10-15 minutes
C. 20+ minutes, long enough that I am completely shriveled up after it
2. Do you use CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) in your house?
A. Absolutely! What else would I use?
B. We have a couple of those, but we should probably use more.
C. CFLs? Uh, I have no idea.
3. Do you eat organic food?
A. That is all I eat.
B. Sometimes, when I can.
C. No way, I like my Cheetos way too much to give them up.
4. How much do you recycle?
A. Everything: paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastic, etc.
B. Plastic and cans, the basics.
C. It's too much work to recycle.
5. Do you make sure to do things like turning off the water when brushing your teeth or unplugging the hair dryer when you're finished?
A. I don't even use a hair dryer, and I would never leave the water on when brushing my teeth.
B. Usually, although sometimes I forget.
C. Oops, am I supposed to do those things?

Mostly As- You're greener than Al Gore!

Wow, I'm impressed! But remember; don't let yourself go so crazy that you don't even let yourself have a ten minute shower every once in awhile.

Mostly Bs- You're pretty green!

You're definitely on the right track. You know the importance of saving the environment, but like anyone, you sometimes forget to practice what you preach. Just keep an eye out for when you start to slip, and don't let it get too far!

Mostly Cs- You're not even on the green spectrum.

Um, I'm not sure you even know what the environment is. I know it can be hard sometimes to remember everything about cutting down on waste, but remember, this is your world, and you have to live in it for many more years. Try simple things like taking five minutes off your shower time or unplugging unused appliances. Small things like that are easy, take little time, and help make a big difference.

Sophomore Class Officers



(L-R) President Alex Zappetillo, treasurer Vangie Magno, secretary Jory Kleemann, vice-president Nathan Felton

It was an active year that paid off for the sophomore class officers. Along with attending weekly meetings, the four diligent students helped coordinate some of student council's biggest fundraisers including Mr. VHS, Battle of the Bands, and they decorated the sophomore homecoming float for the annual parade.

"My favorite part of being on the council was being able to go on leadership trips and meeting other student council members from other schools," said secretary Jory Kleemann.

Every Tuesday, the officers gathered to discuss new and old business with the rest of the council.

As an officer, the four students were required to attend all of the meetings and also to make sure that everybody got along and had fun.

"I think that the best part was working with my friends while making a difference," said vice president Nathan Felton, who had been in student council since the third grade.

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Gerrad Akright
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Anna Anderson
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Matthew Banas



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Maxwell Barnett
Melissa Barrie Lehmann
Claire Barton
Ryan Bays
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Gregory Bend
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Chelsea Berger
Amber Bernat
Abigail Billings
Carly Blane
Christopher Blue



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Taylor Granat
Erik Green
James Gross
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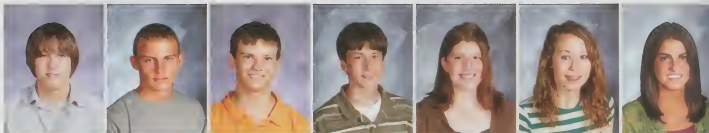


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Evangelina Magno
Matthew Malcolm



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Preethi Manohar
Michael Manuel
Ryan Marcinkowski
Michael Marrell
Kacie Marshall
Kevin Marshall



Matt Hittinger

Favorite sports team: Chicago Bulls

Favorite bands: Dave Matthews Band and O.A.R.

Personal Hero: His sister



"Hate the sin, love the sinner," a quote from Ghandi was the best piece of advice sophomore Matt Hittinger has ever received. As a CASS mentor, Hittinger applies this advice to his daily life. "I like being involved because it keeps me busy and I meet a lot of new people," said Hittinger.

He was also a member of varsity football and a second year member of varsity basketball. "Being in sports has taught me discipline and how important teamwork is," added Hittinger.

When asked what he would do to change the world, Hittinger replied, "Relieve world hunger."



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Katelyn Martin
Laney Martin
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Sean Mathis
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Tyler McGill
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Ella Meyer
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Bryan Simpson
Cody Singer
Luke Skylas



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Torrey Slegers
Olivia Sloan
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Emily Smick
Erin Smigiel
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Stephanie Witt
Michael Witters



Andrew Wolverton
Ian Woodke
Thomas Wrobel
Catherine Wunder
Julia Young
Lauren Young
John Zale



Katie Zale
Alex Zappetello
Daphne Zeiters
James Zimmer



Results to quiz on page 74:

Mostly A's: You are the Incredible Hulk. You're a mean, green, fighting machine! Ok, maybe not, but you do tend to let your temper get the best of you sometimes, even if you feel bad afterwards.

Mostly B's: You are Super(woman). Let's see, you're smart, well-built, brave, and kind. Plus, you want to save the world. Basically, you're amazing.

Mostly C's: You are Batman. You're a dim-witted womanizer by day, revenge-seeking hero by night. You are very multi-dimensional, but at the core, you are just a troubled soul looking for answers.

Mostly D's: You are Spiderman. Even though you didn't ask for the bad things that have happened in your life, you use them to better yourself and the community. C'mon, admit it, you think it is cool when you hang upside-down from the ceiling by your fingertips.

Reality Television

Beverly Hills 90210, *Family Matters*, *Friends*, and *Saved by the Bell* are just a few of the actual television shows that have been adored by fans for years. Television never used to be the way that it is today, overflowing with reality television shows. It was not about the flavor of anyone's love or whether or not a person could survive on an island. One major problem exists here. Critics say that the term "reality television" is somewhat of a misconception. Such shows really are not as real as they are made to seem. These shows often portray an altered and highly influenced form of reality.

Some of the reality television shows of today included *America's Next Top Model*, *The Bachelor*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Girls Next Door*, *Miami Ink*, and *Project Runway*. Many participants were put in exotic locations or abnormal situations. Many were coached to act in certain ways by off-screen crews, and many events tended to be manipulated through editing and other post-production techniques. Shows such as *The Hills* have often been accused of being scripted, yet many of the actors deny this allegation. The dialect and the coincidence of many situations often make the irony suspicious. Some say it is really not reality TV but unscripted drama instead. "It is not that I really like reality TV, but it seems to be very addictive. I don't have intentions of watching it, but when it comes on the TV, I tend to get into it," said senior Chelsey Weirich.

Many shows today that are considered actual television programs and not reality shows are not as popular as those of the past. Is it because people really do enjoy watching them, or is there nothing else better out there? "Sometimes I think it is weird that I am watching someone else's life for entertainment when I have my own," said senior Casey Thompson. Whether it is a shot at love or time to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real, reality TV seemed to be taking over television sets this year.

Sophomore Krystal Castillo loves to watch reality television shows, especially after school. "I can't help it. Once I turn the TV on almost every channel has a reality show. Whether it is about being the best chef or America's next top model, I feel like I am addicted."





**(L-R) Secretary Katie Pruitt,
treasurer Samantha Bertram,
president Alissa Nunley, and
vice-president Danielle
Campbell**

Freshmen Class Officers

Freshmen class officers, including president Alissa Nunley, vice president Danielle Campbell, treasurer Sam Bertram, and secretary Katie Pruitt, worked hard to get the freshman class more involved.

These individuals were chosen as class officers because of their leadership skills, responsibility, and commitment. All agreed that student council was a great way to get students more involved.

"I think a class officer should be dedicated, creative, and cooperative. You had to work together with everyone and always think of fun things to do," said Campbell.

"I believe a class officer should be personable and friendly, so they can get along with others," added Nunley.

The officers were always open to new ideas. Freshmen class officer goals included representing the freshman class, meeting new people, and increasing leadership skills. "I wanted to make a positive impact on the world around me," said Bertram.

Freshmen class projects included the organization of the homecoming float. "I liked being in student council because I was able to give my opinion about things that were happening in our school," said Pruitt.

"I loved working with the upperclassmen and other officers in my grade. Cliff was such a funny person, and he always found a way to make the meetings interesting," said Nunley.

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Famim Abulhasan
Ingrid Adams
Joseph Adler
Christopher Ahearn
Adam Alamillo
Nicholas Alasevich



Jake Alfredson
Guadalupe Alvarez
Isabel Alvarez
Caitlyn Anderson
Margaret Armstrong
Aaron Arndt
Marina Arsenijevic



Nadia Atassi
Jon Babeti
Rachael Annen
Emmalisa Baker
Jacob Baker
Megan Balazs
Herbert Baldwin



Jason Bales
Lanna Barker
Daniel Barry
Chad Barton
Joshua Bartusch
Jorge Bazan
Rachel Beilfuss



Jennifer Benedetti
Samantha Bertram
Brendan Biesen
Joel Bishop
Marcus Black
Kevin Blakeley
Fasmine Blando





Samantha Blazak
Jillian Block
Tyler Blossfield
Connor Bowers
Michelle Boyes
Tori Breitenbach
Emily Brennecke



Derek Bretin
Brittany Brevoort
Kelly Brichta
Christian Briggs
Cody Brown
Rachel Brown
Taylor Brown



Jess Bunchek
Nathan Burden
Danielle Burgess
Elizabeth Burnell
Adam Butterfield
Matthew Cain
Tyler Caldwell



Mitchell Calvert
Danielle Campbell
Leonard Campbell
Julian Carpenter
Christopher Castle
Courtney Castle
Daniel Chumbley



Victoria Clausen
John Clymer
Dominic Coatscolonia
Brendan Cock
Audrey Cole
Autumn Cole
Natasha Collins



Elliott Colon
Jacob Colvin
Kerry Comer
Madeline Conner
Shannon Cook
Matthew Coslet
Austin Cotner



Kathleen Courtney
Jonathan Covington
Patrick Cowan
Lindsey Cunningham
Elizabeth Daake
Gediminas Daciola
Katherine Dalzotto



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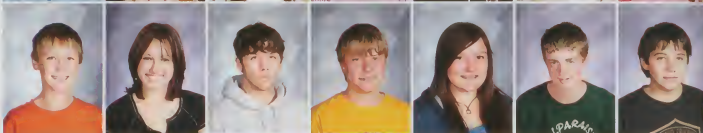
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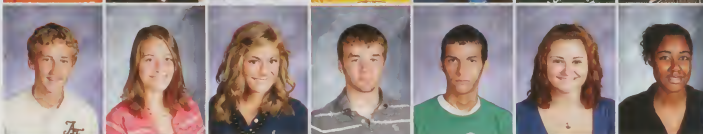
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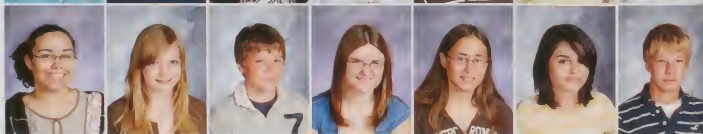
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Jordan Hyde
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Carol Jordan

Emily Brennecke

"Today you are you that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." This quote by Dr. Suess was freshman Emily Brennecke's favorite quote.

Brennecke was one of the freshman Vikettes. In Vikettes, she enjoyed "all the new friends and the new tricks on the flag." Besides Vikettes, Brennecke was in a book club, dance classes, Girl Scouts, and piano classes.

Brennecke's dream car was a cherry red bug. Why? "It's always been the car that I wanted," said Brennecke.

If she could change the world, she would get rid of global warming. Traveling around the world was something that Brennecke wanted to do during her life.

Brennecke wanted to be an English teacher when she got older. Advice that Brennecke got and would like to relay is "Don't give up."



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Keenan Kirkpatrick
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Nathan Timmons
Luz Tomas
Braden Toney



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Sterling Vugrin
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Ian Watson



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William Waugh
Brandon Weaver
Kara Webb
Timothy Weimer
James Wells





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Brett Whittemore
Zachary Wild
Ronald Wilhelm
Elizabeth Wilkerson

Caitlin Wilkinson
Averell Williams
Brittney Williams
Christian Williams
John Williams
Erica Wirsing
Andrew Withrow

Jessica Wlodarski
Ryan Wojda
Trent Wolfenden
Madeline Woods
Sarah York
Keenan Young
Jeremy Ziilinger

What Superhero Are You?

see answers on page 64

1. If you possessed a superpower, what would it be?

- a freakish strength, a brain the size of a pea, and the temper of a crazed hippo.
- virtual invulnerability, x-ray vision, and the ability to fly
- super intelligence and a super hot bod
- the ability to cling to walls, superhuman speed, and agility

2. You regard your special power as:

- voodoo monsterism, the ruin of countless shirts and trousers
- A great responsibility to be used solely for the benefit of humankind.
- a reason to punish all criminals
- inconvenient, but someone's gotta do it

3. Who do you consider your arch-nemesis?

- The entire world. Everybody hates you, nobody understands you.
- any evil-doer who threatens justice and liberty
- jokers
- wrong-doers...and the press

4. You're running late for school and discover that you've missed the bus, you:

- Go berserk. Trash all buses. Eat all students. Weep with sick remorse.
- Fly to school instead, while ensuring everyone gets to school safely.
- Bus? You have a sweet ride to get to school.
- swing from building to building

6. Your boyfriend/girlfriend demands an explanation for your frequent absences, you:

- Go berserk. Weep with sick remorse.
- No excuses, simply explain you have a planet to save.
- I'll have another one by next week.
- Shrug, plead, and fib for all you are worth. Insist that you're just an average teenager with things to do and people to see.

7. In general, the world regards you as:

- a monster
- a hero
- secretive
- a menace

8. The enemy is defeated and victory is yours. What do you do now?

- Revert to human form. Wake roadside in a ditch. Wonder where your clothes have gone.
- Puff out your chest, salute the flag, and shake hands with the President.
- Refuse all congratulations, and sit brooding in an unlit room.
- Offer a corny quip, wink at the audience, then swing across town.

9. If your special powers could grant you one wish, what would it be?

- No more monsterism. Your wish for life as it used to be.
- world peace and evil-doers vanquished, children smiling
- a city free from crime and revenge on wrong-doers
- to be the girl or boy next door

Faculty and Staff

Lindsay Babcock-English, Drama
Chris Benedict-Math
Sandy Benedict-Business
Ellen Banschbach-Paraprofessional



Barb Bowman-Paraprofessional
Elke Bowman-English/German
William Boyle-Science
Patti Brady-Math



Terry Brendel-English
Brooke Bruins-Math
Barb Carter-Bookstore
Lorie Cook-Physical Education



Steve Davis-Science
Karen Devries-Attendance
Rachel Deyoung-Home Economics
Ella Edwards-Media Center Secretary



Todd Evans-Physical Education
Nancy Ficken-Physical Education
Rachel Foust-English
Staci Gadacz-Spanish



Faculty and Staff



Roberta Garcia-Guidance Counselor
Zach Hall-Industrial Technology
Susan Hanley-Secretary
Marilyn Hanson-Art



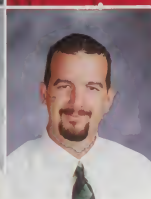
Libby Hills-Special Education
Lenore Hoffman-English
Mark Hoffman-Health
Michaela Houldieson-German



Linda Kemper
Mark Knauff-Math
Allie Komarowski-English
Tim Kopf-Orchestra



Ramona Kraeger-Special Education
Joseph Kulavick-Aide
Judy Largura-Paraprofessional
Lance Leach-Economics



Kathy Levandoski-Special Education
William Lieske-Custodial Supervisor
Tim Mathew-English
James McCall-Assistant Principal

Linda McGinley-Paraprofessional
 Jill McGonigle-Math
 Jaclyn Mentz-Paraprofessional
 Roberta Norwich-Art/Social Studies



Stacey Pagel-English
 Brett Polizotto-Science
 Daniel Pritchett-Band
 A T Rasmussen-Athletic Director



Patricia Rhinehart-German
 MaryKae Ringer-Secretary
 Miguel Rosario-Band
 Rebecca Rusnak-Spanish



Ginger Sajdera-Consumer Education
 Kristen Schafer-Science
 Paula Schmidt-Attendance
 Linda Schonbachler-Choir



Deb Seeger-Paraprofessional
 Mary Sikorski-Nurse
 Sharon Solis-Paraprofessional
 Gordana Sormaz-Journalism/English





Amy Spanopoulos-Social worker
Cathy Sparky-Japanese/Social Studies
Dawn Sutton-Special Education
Matt Thomas-English



Celia Townsley-Attendance
Donna Walters-Media Center Specialist
Anne Wartman-Media Center Specialist



Douglas Wassilak
Chris Wendahl-Nurse
Gloria Zimmerman-Guidance Counselor

Mr. Patrick Weil

Phobias: heights, sharp objects

Superpower: the ability to read minds

Favorite TV Show: "Seinfeld"

Principal Patrick Weil has been working in schools for 27 years. Before becoming the principal at VHS in 2005, he held positions as a social studies teacher, a football coach, an assistant principal, and a Dean of Students at various high schools.

He loved VHS because of its "outstanding, talented students and exceptional staff."

When Weil had free time, he enjoyed reading, biking, collecting music, traveling, and dining out.

His personal hero was his father because he had a "steady personality and was a great role model."

After receiving the title of 2007 District High School Principal of the Year, Weil said that he felt "humbled and flattered." He said that it was great to be recognized by his peers.



we are...



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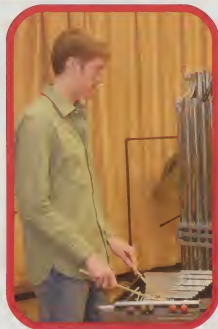
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In addition to the various organizations such as Key Club and CASS, Valparaiso High School students find plenty of ways to stay **involved**. Whether they are working together or working as an individual, VHS proves to have a strong group of dedicated students. The great thing about being **involved** for VHS students was working to make a difference. Cliques and stereotypes were instantly dropped while students banded together in accomplishing their goals.



Valparaiso High School is gifted not only in athletics but also well known for the academic classes. VHS offers a wide variety of honors classes as well as a International Baccalaureate Diploma, and it has a number of academic clubs, teams, and organizations. VHS students excel in the classroom and go on to do great things after school. **Intelligence** is not only a gift but a goal that we work hard to achieve.



We are...

INTELLIGENT

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"I loved the Spice Girls! I am so happy that they came back for a reunion. They definitely spiced up my life!"

Artist:

Spice Girls

Location:

United Center

Stasy Christos



Alissa Nunley

Artist:

Dashboard Confessional

Location:

Valparaiso University

"Dashboard was amazing...Brad wasn't too bad either."

"Oh my gosh, Third Eye Blind!"

Artist:

Third Eye Blind

Location:

Wabash College

Pat Pochop



Maddie Baker

Artist:

Ben Folds

Location:

Noblesville

"It was definitely the best concert I've ever been to and an awesome night with my best friends."

concerts

How do you get your music fix?



"The concert was amazing. We got first row and I had the best time with my friends."

Artist:

John Mayer

Location:

Clarke One Pavilion

Jessica Rudovich



Brandi Chang

Artist:

Kanye West

Location:

United Center

"It was absolutely insane! He was amazing live and the special effects were incredible."



Emily Welter

Artist:

Tim McGraw

Location:

Tweeter Center

"It was probably the best concert I have ever been to, tons of fun!"

"It was really exciting to meet Chris because *Dashboard Confessional* has been my favorite band since middle school. When I got a chance to talk to him I was speechless, like I actually had no words."

Artist:

Dashboard

Confessional

Location:

Valparaiso

University

Alexa Kovachevich



Business, Math, & Technology



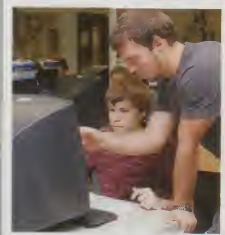
Students, Mrs. Cunningham, Ryan Ellis, and Tim Reynolds are working on laptops in the classroom.



2008



The students in Mr. Kreibitz's room are all actively participating during the game session.



Elizabeth Wilkerson helps students during math class while taking notes.

Kyle Armstrong is working on his computer during his business class.

Mr. Hall, Jerry, Eric, and Wilkinski are working on their computers during the computer class.

1. Mr. Hall shows David Walker and Steven Feeny a few tricks on the computer.

2. Senior Zach Vouge reviews his notes before a business test.

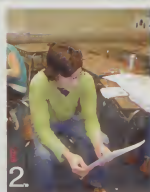
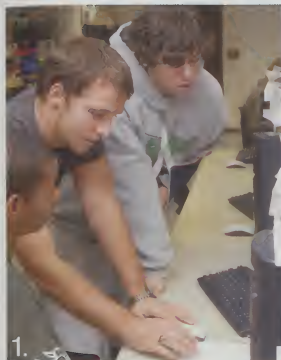
3. Elisha Moncada and Taylor Chuich work together during their business class.

4. Jerriek Suiter works during class on his math test.

5. Seniors Annesa Kasparian and Rob Perry finish their assignments during math class.

6. Senior Ryan Ellis works diligently to complete his class work on the computer.

7. Nathan Burden and Rachel Beilfuss sit together during a lecture in math class.



Mathematics is a concept that students develop right from the beginning of their school careers. Whether it be counting the number of toys in a basket or adding up the tips after a long night's work, math influences almost every daily activity. Knowledge and the use of basic mathematics have always been an inherent and integral part of individual and group life. "Well, I wouldn't say I enjoy math, but it's pretty beneficial, like when I go shopping. How else would I know 30% off something?" said Junior Colleen Crowe. This year students were offered the classes of geometry, algebra, pre-cal, finite, and calculus to help develop and expand these abilities.

Business management, computer keyboarding, accounting, construction systems, engineering design, technology and society were some of the classes taken this year to help enhance the skills required in business and technology. These classes offered students the opportunity to develop many of the basic skills necessary for college and many future careers. "I knew that I was going to study business in college, and accounting is really important in any aspect of it," said senior Jim Burnell.

Matt Parr

Fav TV Show: *Monk*

Hobby: Karate

Fav Band: Haste the Day

Matt Parr was a sophomore in a pre-cal/ trigonometry math class this year. "I like the class, and my teacher Mrs. Yelton helps make the material easier to learn," said Parr. He first began to notice his highly developed math skills in sixth grade and has enjoyed it ever since. He plans to become a pilot in the future, which does require some math knowledge.



"When I was in 6th grade, I remember a math class to students. I decided to give it a try, and I ended up enjoying it," said Paulina Schau.

Academic Teams

Valparaiso High School academic teams had a very successful year. Academic decathlon placed fourth in the state in the large school division and placed first in the mathematics category.

Spell Bowl placed first in Northwest Indiana and eighth in the state.

Science Olympiad placed second in the state eleventh in the nation.

Varsity Quiz Bowl had a team record of 7-2, and Junior Varsity Quiz Bowl had an undefeated regular season of 9-0.

Academic Superbowl placed first overall at the Purdue North Central invitational. The English and Fine Arts teams made it to State and placed fourth in English and third in Fine Arts.

Pat Skilton and Gianni Calabro take the temperature of the distillation.

Academic Superbowl

Front Row (l to r): Allison Medaris, Ashton LEE, Ourisman Keshal, Juli Kowaleki, Spina Lizerowitz, Coach Scott Sanders

Second Row (l to r): Schuyler DeArmond, Michael McBride, Michael Landowich, Kristina Klee, Nick Reinke, Kate Sanders

Back Row (l to r): Vishal Balar, Benjamin Stupczak, Collin Welling, Matt Kinner, Michael Seuck, Mark Hopp

Kate Sanders

Favorite Movie: *Pride and Prejudice*

Favorite Quote: "Humor is reason gone mad." -Groucho Marx

Favorite TV Show: *Jeopardy*

Senior Kate Sanders was a member of each academic team. "Of the five academic teams, I know Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad were my top two favorites," said Sanders.

Sanders was encouraged to participate on each team by her parents. "The lure of learning more and demonstrating my academic proficiency was too great to resist," said Sanders.

Her most memorable moment was after the Science Olympiad State Competition in which they took second. The team celebrated by going to Chili's. "There, we accidentally dropped our coach's boomerang-a present to the team-into a pitcher of water. It was hilarious," said Sanders.





Academic Decathlon

Front Row (l to r): Jeff Gierulis, Jon Goh, Mark Hozo, Ryan Kummer.
Back Row: Rick Stark, Matt Sander, Eric Mathews, Tim Hollingsworth.

Spelling Bee

Front Row: Marissa Monahan, Sarah Koon, Jen Eyrin, Jonathan Loring.
Second Row: Samir Rishi, Alex Williams, Morris, Boris Prokopy.
Back Row: Mark Hozo, Mark Sander, Nathan Lee, Jacob Matt Shadyak.



Spelling Bee is really fun. We sit around answering questions and listening to the judge. Samir Phakeke '05



I really enjoy the competitions and meeting kids from other schools and other states. Joseph Kiminski '11



The Science Olympiad team wins regionals at Indiana University Northwest.



Science Olympiad team member Jon Gola examines a plant cell.



Spelling Bee

Front Row (l to r): Alex Williams, Jon Gola, Jonathan Loring, Samir Rishi, Boris Prokopy, Mark Sander, Mark Hozo, Ryan Kummer.
Second Row: Jeff Gierulis, Eric Mathews, Tim Hollingsworth, Rick Stark.
Back Row: Nathan Lee, Jacob Matt Shadyak.



My most memorable S.O. moment was when I was holding a robot cube and it exploded in my face. Peter Lattek '10



Academic Competition victory. This is Academic. Samir Phakeke '05

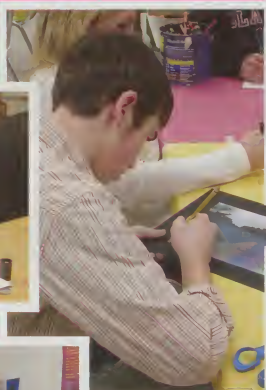


Science Olympiad is not a drink's cube. You are equipped by pretty colors and all the fun. It is a pretty good life. I thought. Laila Rust '09

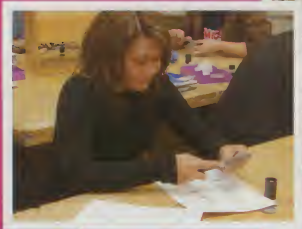


The best part of S.O. is playing it inside of Eugene at practice. Ethan Kruse '08

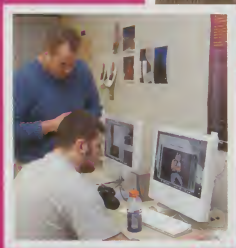
Art: Creativity at Work



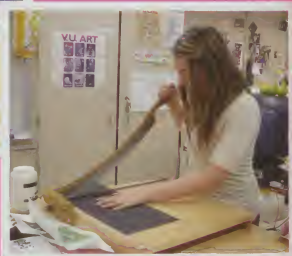
Junior **Haley Leuthart** works on her ring. "Making my ring was fun and rewarding. It took a lot of time to finish it, but in the end it was really cool to see what I had created."



Senior **Allissa Perconti** works diligently to complete her project.



Mr. Ray Juestel offers a few pointers to senior **Matt Lasky** in his media arts class.



Freshman **Mandee Pollock** lines up her posterboard in order to cut it. After it was cut, several prints of the same picture were placed on it.

Working intently, junior **Jake Johnson** colors his black and white photograph. "It was a really unique project. I'd never done anything like it before, so it was a cool experience," said **Johnson**.



1. Mrs. Stephanie Samardzija assists junior Maddie Miskulin with carving her ring.

2. Concentrating, sophomore Dillon Radosevich puts the final touches on his ring.

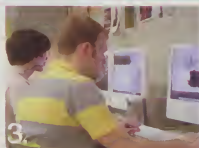
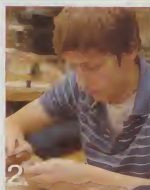
3. Juniors Nick Skok and Chris Goyne work on their digital editing.

4. Freshman Courtney Castle rolls over her picture to make another print of it.

5. "I combined different cultures to make my own mask," said sophomore Jess Cassidy.

6. Working hard, sophomore Kaylan Elkins paints details on her mask.

7. Smiling, sophomore Kelly O'Brien stops to admire her ring.



Between U.S. History class and Pre-Cal, it was understandable that students felt the need for a place to unwind and exercise their imagination. "Art was a good way of expressing yourself without saying or writing anything," said junior **Jessica Rudovich**.

However, despite this, art class was still very hard work. Students were required to complete several projects and many regular assignments.

If students found it hard to express themselves through drawing, they were able to choose a different art class. Some of these included drawing, jewelry, photography, and ceramics. The art curriculum also offered International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement classes.

Abbey Ford

Theme Song: *Don't Stop Believing* by Journey

Favorite Quote: "Live, Laugh, Love"

Weirdest Habit: Obsessively locking doors

Abbey Ford first discovered that she enjoyed art when she was asked to create a paper mache fish in her second grade art class. She continued on with art and was enrolled in two art classes this past year at VHS, jewelry and photography. **Ford** enjoyed photography because she liked being able to develop her own pictures. She liked art because as she put it, "you could accomplish a lot without doing a lot of bookwork."



"My mask took a really long time to make, but in the end, seeing my finished product was worth all the time and effort I put in to it," said junior **Jenna Henry**.

AP/IB Art Show



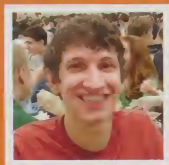
ABOVE: "To me, art is like a secret release. It captures all of my passions like dance, missions in Africa, and really just life in general."

Rachel Gough



ABOVE: "The art show was one of the best experiences of the school year. It took a lot of time and effort but was completely worth it. It was great to be able to show everyone all the hard work we had put into the art class throughout the year."

Krissy Hasselbring, Self-Portrait



BELOW: "This is a portrait of my sister on her first day of school. This piece is one of six pieces concentrating on my family."

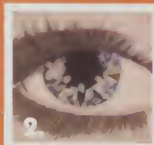
Phil Santay, Rachel



BELOW: "The Arabic in this is basically saying that all people are born equal. I love Middle Eastern art, especially this piece, because I can express important messages like this one."

Rocio Rodea, Eyes





1. Anthony Christopher - *Presidents*
2. Carley Gasaway - *Eyes Like Diamonds*
3. Hannah Camp - *Untitled*
4. Megan Taylor - *Untitled*
5. Sneakers hang in Theresa Srnick's display.

Quick Facts

* The Art Show took place on April 23rd and April 24th from 6pm-8pm in the upper balconies of the gym.

* Sixteen IB students and twenty-three AP students participated, displaying a range of artwork, from simple photographs to elaborate paintings.

* The 2008 show marked the 17th consecutive year of the event and it was run by art teacher Mrs. Marilyn Hanson.

Featured Artists

Maddie Baker
 Alison Baldea
 Craig Bazin
 Nicole Bianco
 Dana Bohannon
 Meen Boriboune
 Hannah Camp
 Rob Chaney
 Candice Choo-Kang
 Anthony Christopher
 Ryan Earl
 Jennifer Evan
 Stephanie Evans
 Carley Gasaway
 Rachel Gough
 Laura Graber
 Kassie Haberkamp
 Jade Hammer
 Krissy Hasselbring
 Marissa Hoshaw

Devin Howard
 Laura Jack
 Alexa Kovachevich
 Gina Lang
 Kirsten Mangel
 Lana Merrill
 Melissa Moeller
 Amanda Montgomery
 Ben Morgan
 Daniel Moroney
 Lindsey Pfledderer
 Max Robertson
 Rocío Rodea
 Philip Santay
 Theresa Srnick
 Megan Taylor
 Michelle Walla
 Matrix Woodson
 KC Wuebbeling



"I've been involved with art my entire life, but only recently have I become passionate about it. I love art because it allows me to see things that could never exist in reality."

Dan Moroney, '08



"The art show was a big success. Everyone worked so hard up to it. We were all really proud to get a chance to show off all of our hard work over the year."

Rob Chaney, '08



"It was exciting to see everyone's final collection."

Amanda Montgomery, '08



"The AP/IB art show was a great experience because it gave the art students a public place to display all the pieces we worked so hard to create."

Candice Choo-Kang, '08

Valenian and Viking Press

Valenian and *Viking Press* students were hard at work preparing the 2008 yearbook and eight monthly issues of the newspaper. While the two staffs worked separately, they had to utilize the same skills such as making deadlines, interviewing subjects, taking pictures, and designing templates.

During first semester, there were nine members on the *Valenian* staff and four regular contributors to the *Viking Press* staff.

The yearbook staff focused its attention on clubs, academics, sports, and student life activities offered at VHS with student profiles on almost every spread.

Conversely, the newspaper staff worked hard on things such as reviewing restaurants, video games, and movies, polling students on different issues, and writing about events occurring both at the school and in the media.

Sophomore Stephanie Witt counts out newspapers for distribution day.

Juniors Rebecca Brown and Calin Florek look at old yearbooks for inspiration.

Nesna Bukur

strangest phobia: animals

superpower: ability to read minds

favorite candy: Nerd Ropes

Being a *Viking Press* editor, senior Nesna Bukur's work had to appeal to a wide range of interests and readers. She was on the staff for three years.

"I liked the freedom we had to put what we felt was important into the paper," Bukur said. Besides *Viking Press*, she participated in 4-H, band, Creating a Safer School Forum, Students Against Drunk Driving Club, German Club, as well as participating in piano and dance lessons.

Bukur also worked at Michaels Arts and Crafts store as a cashier and human resources representative.

After graduating, she planned to major in public relations and international business.



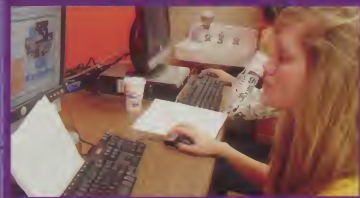


The *Viking Press* Staff (l to r): Laura Graber, T.J. Horn, Becky Townsend, Stephanie Witt, Jenna Angelini, Vesna Bukur.



Valenian and *Viking Press* advisor Ms. Gordana Sormaz edits a student's work.

Junior Whitney Anderson works on her yearbook spread.



Senior Elisha Moncada prepares yearbook advertisements.

Members of the *Valenian* and *Viking Press* staffs pose for a picture at their Christmas party.



"I love working with the people in *Viking Press*. We have a great time and always have a good laugh."
Becky Townsend '08



"I love putting together the yearbook and hanging out with everyone because we all get along."
Hayley Costas '09



"I joined *Viking Press* because I want to be a writer. I like giving my opinion."
Jenna Angelini '08



"I love to create memories in *Valenian* that everyone will read in 20 years."
Calin Florek '09



"The hardest part about being on *Valenian* was making deadlines. Being on the staff taught me not to procrastinate."
Nabeela Mohideen '09

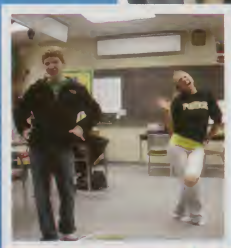


"I like to write about subjects that interest me in hopes that it shows through in the article."
Laura Graber '09

Debate and Speech



Sophomore speech members **Nathan Felton** and **Allison Holevoet** wait to receive their awards at Munster.



Brendan Scannell, Vincent Thinath, Michael McBride, Krishna Kota, Alex Zappetillo, Julia Chappell, Nathan Felton, Aaren Kracich, Carly Blane, and Andrew Wolverton pose for a picture after a huge win at the Munster speech meet.

Juniors **Brendan Scannell** and **Aaren Kracich** practice their original performance speech for state where they placed third.

Speech members **Nathan Felton, Aaren Kracich, Andrew Wolverton, Carly Blane, Brendan Scannell, and Jamie Shriner** pose for a picture during their practice after school.

Julia Chappell, Jamie Shriner, Claire Barton, Liz Harder, and Erin Kilhefner have a snack on the way to the Ball State speech tournament.

1. Vince Thinath and Emily Wallits have a laugh after a round of debating.
2. Senior Rick Stark and Coach Mrs. Chris Waters discuss the advantages of a cake.
3. Elisha Moncada and Caterina McElwain review their cases before a meet of Public Forum.
4. Sophomore debater Ben Studebaker is excited after winning a round in Public Forum.
5. Maya Major, Ben Studebaker, Ben Klawitter, Vince Thinath, and Will Scupham show off their awards after attending the Nationals qualifying meet for Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas.
6. Ben Klawitter and Jeff Catania relax in between debate meets.



Public speaking was a common fear for most students at VHS, but this was not an issue for the debate and speech members. This was where members of the VHS Speech and Debate team excelled. Students not only had to be able to be excellent speakers, but they had to be good researchers as well.

"You had to be able to think quickly on your feet during cross fire or you would be eaten alive," said senior **Caterina McElwain**.

Many students used debate and speech as an opportunity to use their research and speaking skills to win. Many students enjoyed the thrill of arguing on complex topics that were faced in today's society.

"It was an excused opportunity to verbally assault another team with style and wit," said senior **Zach Vouga**.

Vincent Thinath

Nickname: V-Pain
Favorite TV Show: *The Simpsons*
Hobby: Sleeping

"My first debate meet was the most important meet to me because it opened a whole new activity," said senior **Vincent Thinath**.

Thinath has been on the debate and speech team for four years. He was the varsity public forum coach and had been to Nationals two times during his high school career.



Seniors **Sri Kota** and **Jeff Catania** eat at the annual banquet held at Strongbows.

Student Council, Key Club and CASS

At Valparaiso High School, student council, Key Club as well as Creating A Safe School, also known as CASS, proved to be the most popular organizations to be involved in. Each club had over 70 members, and met once a week, except for CASS which met once a month. Each club had a goal in some way to make the community a better place to live.

Student council participated in the annual food drives, bake sales, popcorn parking, the gift drive and Mr. VHS.

Some of the Key Club activities included the King of Hearts dance, Toys for Tots, Jar wars, and a wheelchair basketball tournament.

With over 100 mentors, CASS forum worked with high school freshmen and CASS mentors worked with middle school sixth and seventh graders. Mentors also visited the Spring Valley Homeless shelter twice a week to play with and babysit the children there.

Seniors **Alexa Kovachevich** and **Maddie Baker** play a game at the CASS training this past summer.

Student Council members pose for a picture during their exchange with Gary Lew Wallace High School.

Taylor Granat

Phobia: Not succeeding
Favorite Movie: *Little Miss Sunshine*
Hero: Mom

Sophomore **Taylor Granat** was the youngest Key Club president Valparaiso High School has ever had. "I have been involved with Key Club and its sister organizations for years, and I wanted to step up and take this leadership role," said Granat.

Out of all the activities Key Club did this year, Granat's favorite was leaf raking. "We went to the homes of the sick and elderly, raked their leaves, and had a lot of fun!" said Granat.

When Granat was not working with Key Club, she could be found hanging out with her friends, watching movies or watching her favorite sports team, the Chicago Cubs.

"I love Key Club because it has given me an opportunity to help people," said Granat.





Sophomore **Rachel Forman** and junior **Whitney Anderson** participate in CASS's "free hug day".

Members of student council brainstorm ideas for a new project.



Key Club members watch attentively as a member of the wheelchair basketball team performs.



Seniors **Hannah Hupp** and **Lauren Sharp** play a game during the student council state convention.

Mentors at B.F.M.S. tell seventh graders what they will be doing that day.



"CASS is my friend, I love CASS!"

Matt Scuderi '08



"My favorite part of Key Club was wheelchair basketball!"

Michelle Walla '09



"I joined CASS to make a difference and an impact on middle schoolers."

Abby Keszei '10



"Student Council. Why not?"

Nathan Felton '10



"Key Club is a great way to give back to our community."

Kat Philips '08



"Student Council, we get it done."

Matt Goldschmidt '08

NHS, SADD, & STAND

The National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, and Socially Together and Nationally Diverse worked together to not only improve many aspects of Valparaiso High School but to help others throughout the community as well.

N.H.S. spent time with the members of the Pine Village Retirement Community. "NHS is a tradition it goes back many years and is nationally recognized. It is low key, but still allows you to participate in some great service projects," said president senior Rebekah Neidner.

S.T.A.N.D. was involved in the student exchange, which let students compare our daily schedule to that of other schools. "I enjoyed S.T.A.N.D. because I was able to express my feelings and thoughts to others knowing they are listening and that I won't be judged," said Nadine Shatat.

SADD members drew attention to the dangers of drinking and driving by wearing black tee shirts that they designed. Students that wore the shirts hoped classmates would read them and think about the consequences of drinking and driving.

The sign for SADD was displayed in the front of the school to remind students to make good decisions.

Kristin Claiborne

Phobia: Spiders

Hobby: Piano

Favorite Actress: Gabrielle Union

Senior Kristin Claiborne has been an active member of S.T.A.N.D. since her junior year. The group did a number of fun activities to celebrate different heritages this year while giving students the ability to experience a sense of diversity.

Claiborne considered Ella Fitzgerald to be the greatest vocalist to have ever lived and she loved spending time with her best friend Sonia Arroyo. In the future, she planned on attending college at Duke University to be a vocal performance major and later attend law school.

Claiborne lived by the quote "Run the risk. If you get hurt, you'll come back, because without this, there's no sense in living. To go through life and not fall deeply in love, then you haven't lived at all."





Sara Alessi, Hannah Mueller, Bri Sever, Mia Kallsch, Tara Villareal, and Josh Stymiest pose together after being inducted into the National Honor Society.



The Grimy Under Day
when I was
trembling, I was asked
to take a walk by myself.
I was surprised at how
many people I couldn't
talk to.

Natalie Novello 10



My favorite part of STAND UP is it was inspiring other teachers to participate in the "action" part system. And how they have differentiated and unify each school."

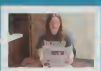
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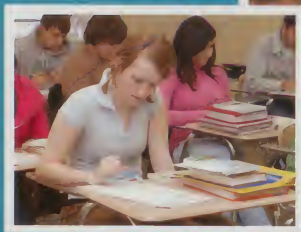


Phyllis Santay '08

Social Studies



While studying for a test, senior **Christine Drakos** looks in her book for answers.

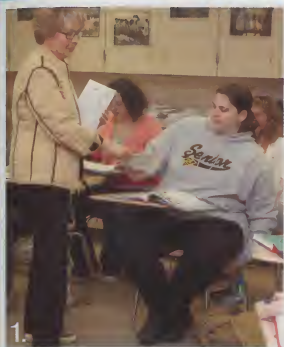


Senior **Nela Jindrichova** looks over her test.

Senior **Julene Jolley** concentrates while working to complete her homework.

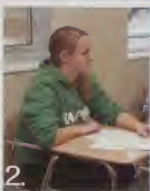
Senior **Jessica Keaton** poses with her historical idol, George Washington in *Current Issues*. "I find George Washington's wooden teeth very interesting," said Keaton.

Senior **Jenna Angelini** looks in her book for the answers to her homework. "I really liked taking sociology because it is about the past, present, and future," said Angelini.



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1. Psychology and sociology teacher Mrs. Diane Davis returns papers.
2. Senior Kacey Gergely works on her homework in Mr. John Gutierrez's class.
3. Students study their material before a test.
4. Junior Laurel Peterson raises her hand in her history class.
5. While concentrating, junior Thomas Cornett does his homework.
6. Senior Meghan Oglesby concentrates on her homework.



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7. Students in economics class listen to teacher Mr. Miller.



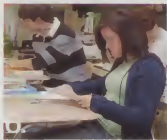
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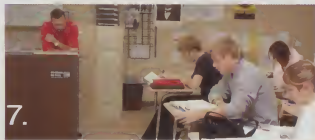
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Valparaiso High School offered a variety of social studies classes including government, economics, psychology, sociology, US History I and II, geography, World History I and II, foreign policy, and current issues.

Social studies classes not only improved cultural knowledge in school, but they also helped students to understand today's world. Having knowledge of how the world used to be run, could help others to figure out different ways to live it today.

For graduation purposes, a student had to be able to pass six semesters of social studies.

Brian Blankenship

Favorite President: Abraham Lincoln

Phobia: Heights

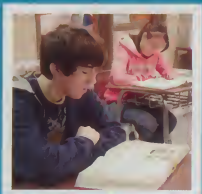
Favorite Movie: *Lord of the Rings*

Senior **Brian Blankenship** found history enlightening. He enjoyed every history class he took at VHS, especially World and U.S. History.

"A historical icon of mine would be Julius Caesar. He was a perfect example of a leader who understood when the time was right and seized his advantage," said **Blankenship**.

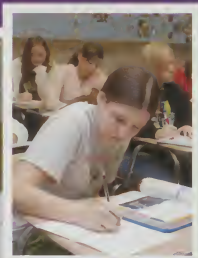
He was considering pursuing a career in politics or as a teacher.

"If I could change one thing, I would want people to be more understanding of different points of view, but in no way would I want everyone to be similar. Our differences make us interesting!"

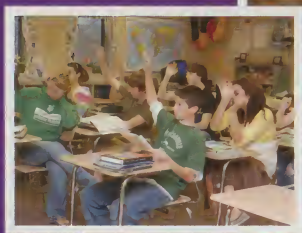


Sophomore **Derek Kennett** reads his history book during class. "Abe Lincoln was a cool guy because he took steps to abolish slavery and promoted equality," said **Kennett**.

Foreign Language



"I chose to take Spanish because I thought it would be applicable. Also, my brother and sister took Spanish and really enjoyed it," said junior Lani Rush.



"I chose to take Spanish because, honestly, my grammar is horrible, and I'm tired of embarrassing myself in front of my family in Mexico," said junior Rocio Rodea.



Elise Kirby, Hayley Costas, Eric Jackson, and Kelley Hetzel listen to Señor Cespedes as he reads them a story. "We always have a good time because Mr. Cespedes will joke around with us," said Kirby.

Students in Frau Bowman's second year German class raise their hands to answer a question. Frau Bowman's favorite things to teach were new grammar concepts, songs, and discussing topics in her IB classes.

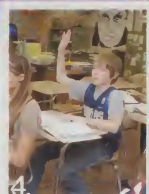
Junior Ryan Smith reads his book intently. "I took Spanish because most colleges require you to take a language and all my friends took Spanish so I did too," said Smith.



1. "Frau Bowman makes everything fun. We always laugh," Brittany Evans said.
2. Frau Bowman enthusiastically teaches her German class.
3. Students of a second year German class focus on vocabulary exercises.
4. "My favorite thing about German are the games we play," Richie Evans said.
5. Students attentively take notes in class.
6. Steve Ziolkowski raises his hand to answer a question in German.



7. Spanish teacher Ms. Pejowski teaches her students how to conjugate a verb in Spanish.



"The best thing [about speaking a foreign language] is totally understanding and appreciating the cultures of the countries where the language is spoken," said German teacher and German Club sponsor Elke Bowman.

In the foreign language department, many students at VHS learned a new language in and out of school. Days were filled with grammar lessons, as well as spoken and written tests over German, French, Spanish, Latin, and Japanese.

After school there were many fun events that one could attend. There was the International Soccer Fest, movie festivals, trips to Chicago and Pilsen, as well as many other activities.

"I loved taking German as a second language this year. It was my first year and it was really great," said junior Emily Brennecke.

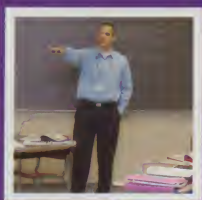
Abby Gratz

Nickname: Abs, Abalaba-ding-dong, Abbelai
Favorite Song: *Beautiful Girls*
Dream Car: Any car would be amazing!

"My family was really into the Spanish language and its people. My sister taught in Honduras, my dad has gone to Cuba to help fix pianos, and my mom helped people who speak Spanish learn English. It was really awesome," said junior Abby Gratz.

Gratz, the youngest of 5 children, lives right outside of Valpo where "there's nothing to do but lay in the sun if we even have that."

Gratz participated in concert orchestra.



Señor Cespedes teaches a Spanish concept to his advanced IV IB class.



Earth Awareness Club and H.O.P.E. Club

Earth Awareness Club, which met every Thursday for weekly recycling, had a total of 25 members this year. Their goal was to increase our school's participation in creating a better environment.

Helping Other People Excel, more commonly known as H.O.P.E. Club, was a great club to get involved in. It gave students an opportunity to interact with teachers and peer mentors, where every member learned from each other.

"I started with H.O.P.E. club in 1995. Every year it re-creates itself. The officers in charge, the students whom we work with and the hearts of the clubbers direct the motion of the club," said sponsor Tina Morales.

Katie Martin is led during a trust walk.

A recycling bin labeled Earth Awareness Club is filled with cardboard boxes waiting to be recycled.

John "Jake" Thomas Evey

Favorite type of music: Rap

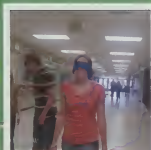
Favorite movie: *Blades of Glory*

Personal Hero: "My grandfather--we talk on the phone every day about sports."

If you were a student at Valparaiso High School last year, you probably saw Jake at some point throughout your high school experience. Very often, Jake walked through the halls or cafeteria handing out hugs, high fives, kind words, or all of the above.

If you did not see him then, you might have seen him leading the football team on to the field for the game against Michigan City. Here is something most people don't know: Jake's mom gave birth to Jake's little brother Andrew that day, but Jake still made it to the game in time to cheer on his friends. Jake hoped to make his love of sports a career by becoming a sports writer.





Sara McKinley and Courtney Murphy carry the H.O.P.E. club banner during the homecoming parade.

Earth Awareness Club members Dani Landgrebe and Nick Skok pause a moment while completing their weekly recycling rounds.



"I think that it is important for us to be more careful about what we put into our environment so we don't lose our resources."
Karlin Rozendaal '08



"I have a lot of friends in H.O.P.E. club, and I enjoy being around all of them."
Courtney Murphy '09



"The thing that makes H.O.P.E. club so special is the fact that every single person is there to reach out to someone else."
Erica Wickstrom '09



"I joined E.A.C. to make a difference in the environment by learning what to recycle and in order to get involved."
Karitza Medina '08



"H.O.P.E. Club is such a fantastic group of people. At every meeting, the members never fail to amaze me."
Kayla McClain '09



"H.O.P.E. club was the best part of my whole high school career."
Mark Speckhard '08



Danny Hennessy, Sydney Castle, and Erica Wickstrom decorate for the homecoming parade.



Senior Caroline Walsh empties a class recycling bin into a larger bin.



Peer Tutors Lincoln Barlow, Stephen Garpow, Danny Hennessy, Matt Banas, and Jake Evey go on a shopping trip to Toys "R" Us.



P.E. & Consumer Science



"The best part of taking nutrition and wellness was getting to smell your food while you're cooking, then eating it after," said sophomore Katie Zale.



As a joke, sophomore **Brian Bartholomew** wears a tin bowl hat in his foods class.



"I took child development because I am going to college to become a teacher and you get to work with kids in this class," said junior **Michelle Walla**.

"My favorite part of taking this class was bringing home the electronic baby and watching the preschoolers in our daycare," said sophomore **Hayley Valestin**.

Will Warner tries to steal the basketball from his classmate in P.E.



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1. Annie Rice cuts fresh vegetables in nutrition and wellness class.

2. Senior Tony Rigoni takes a shot for a basket in his P.E. class.

3. Morghan Hepner assists a pre-schooler during the daycare program.

4. Sophomore Gerrad Aknight prepares food in nutrition and wellness.

5. P.E. students enjoy an intense game of floor hockey.

6. Sophomore Christian Vlasic gets help from Mrs. Stemple.

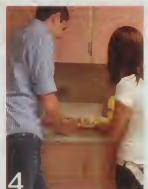
7. Students and pre-schoolers gather for a story.



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Among the many classes offered at VHS, students may choose to take electives in the P.E. and consumer sciences. These classes included: child development, nutrition and wellness, interior design, interpersonal relations, textiles and fashions, and various physical education classes.

"Taking interpersonal relations really helped me meet a lot of new people as well as learning new communications skills that I will be able to use for years to come," said junior Scott Austin.



Jennifer Szmagaj

Nickname: Jen
Favorite food: cheese
Favorite color: green



Jen Szmagaj decided to take nutrition & wellness her senior year because it gave students the opportunity to eat in class! "The best part was making food and then eating it, even though we messed up half the time," said Szmagaj.

In her freetime, Szmagaj liked to hang out with friends, listen to music, and go out to eat.



"I learned about different recipes, different utensils, and different methods of cooking in my nutrition and wellness class," said sophomore Jessica Fezko.

Natural Helpers

At the beginning of the school year, junior and senior students were asked to write down the names of three people, students or teachers, who they turned to for advice. From this list, students whose names appeared most often were invited to attend one of two retreats where they learned a lot about each other through many different activities.

The first retreat, 9:33 L.Y.F.E., took place in the fall and had both students and teachers attend. Rainbow staff members included Margo Andrews, Corbett Miller, Rachel Hurley, Tim Hollandsworth, Amanda Henderson, Julia St. John, Tim Davis, Brad Van Senu, Spencer Cirrincione, and Heather Zaharias.

The winter retreat, 8:11 E.Y.T.C., took place in March after being postponed due to a snowstorm. The rainbow staff members were Maddie Baker, Katie Rodenbeck, Rebekah Niedner, Dan Thibodeau, Brody Carter, Ali Bluell, Laura Jack, Stefanie Puaca, Michael Pavell, Tessa Meyer, and Maggie Ombrembowski.

Matt Burgess, Erin Williams, Laura Jack, Alex Sarkisian, Heather Huber, Kelly Hill, and Mary O'Hara pose for a picture during the retreat.

Ben Olejniczak, Allison Baldea, Gina Lang, and Emily Van Laan stop for a moment while eating dinner.

Rachel Hurley

Future College: Ball State University
Favorite Song: "Red Ragtop" by Tim McGraw

Hero: "My dad because he's really intelligent and worked hard to get where he is today."

Rachel Hurley starts everyday with a piece of advice from her dad: "Work hard and you'll be a success." Rachel truly took this advice to heart when she became a member of the fall 2007 L.Y.F.E. retreat.

"I wanted to be on rainbow staff because I wanted to help people," said Hurley.

Hurley considered becoming a high school counselor in the future and hoped to use what she learned from the retreat.

"My rainbow staff was amazing; it was a great opportunity to make new friends and learn a lot about myself. It really was the best thing I did in high school," commented Hurley.



9:33 L.Y.F.E. staffers listen to "True Colors."



Michael Pavell and Catrina McElwain sit on the top of the pyramid of winter retreat attendees.



Retreates from 8:11 E.Y.T.C stand on the bridge overlooking the river.



Students attending the fall retreat ride the bus to Camp Tecumseh.



The green group, led by Dan Thibodeau, pose in a circle for a picture.



Rachel Hurley and Brody Carter take a break.



Todd Morton plays a song on the guitar for the group on the winter retreat.



Staff members for the 2007 fall retreat, 9:33 L.Y.F.E., get together for a group picture.



"I really liked it. I'm glad I got a chance to meet new and awesome people. It was a life changing experience."

Otto Proud '08



"I met so many different and diverse people from all walks of life."

Hanna Mueller '09



"I got so much out of the retreat: Lyfe long friends and a way to be a better person."

Tim Hollandsworth '08



"Natural Helpers was an experience I'll never forget."

Ali Bluell '08



"I learned a lot about myself, and not to judge people that you don't know."

Matt Hills '09

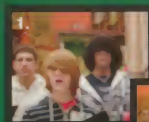


"The best part of Natural Helpers was the people."

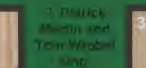
Jen Valpatic '09

Men's Chorus

Men's and Women's Chorus



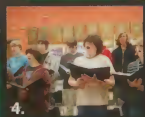
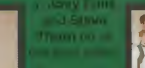
1. David Moore, Alex Hartman, and Chris Castle singing.



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3. Dusan Simic singing.

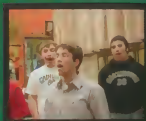


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5. Students singing during a performance.



Nick Bullman, Aaron Velasquez, and David Albers singing.



Patrick Martin, Eric Pessmeg, Tom Wrobel, Scott McGuirl, and Zach Bullman singing.

Scott McGuirl

Superpower: Invisibility
Dream car: '65 Mustang
Favorite TV show: "Scrubs"

Scott McGuirl has been involved in choir since kindergarten.

"If I want to go into the music business, I decided to help my voice and other music skills," said McGuirl.

He joined men's choir because his friends got him involved. Outside of choir, Scott enjoyed playing the guitar and writing his own songs.

"I have been writing songs since sixth grade and playing guitar since eighth grade," said McGuirl.

Men's Chorus

Front Row (l to r): David Albers, Scott McGuirl, Nick Bullman, Travis Jefferson

Second Row (l to r): Ted Morris, Andrew Moore, Jimmy Reynolds, Tom Wrobel, Chris Gonzalez, Aaron Velasquez

Third Row (l to r): Patrick Martin, Ryan Reynolds, Alex Hartman, Dusan Simic, Ruben Medina, Jon Babeti, Mrs. Schonbachler

Fourth Row (l to r): Chris Castle, Steven Thurn, Eric Pessmeg, Steve Engel, Joey Funk

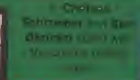


Women's Chorus

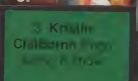
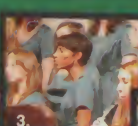
Men's and Women's Chorus



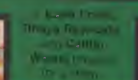
1. Stefanie Fisher,
Kayla Lloyd, Katie
Riggle, Jessica
Angion and Brittany
Emerson sing a duet.



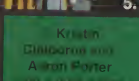
2. The women's chorus performs a song.



3. Kristin
Claborn and
Angion sing a duet.



4. The women's chorus performs a song.



5. Kristin
Claborn and
Angion sing a duet.



Members of women's choir rehearse.



The women's choir prepares for a fall concert at the high school.

Everyday students from all grades come together in perfect harmony. These students are better known as members of the men's and women's chorus.

"I joined the women's choir because I love to sing," said junior **Kayla McClain**. "I also love hearing all of of voices come together, it is a beautiful thing."

Men's and women's chorus performed in fall fantasia, ISSMA, and the spring concert. Students learned songs in English as well as other languages.



Women's Chorus

Front Row (l to r): Amanda Elkins, Heather Maynard, Rosalene Van Syoc, Kelly Clapp, Lisa Leslie

Second Row (l to r): Rhaya Reynolds, Chelsea Schroeder, Samantha Bertram, Ashley Mason, Bonnie Ryno, Margaret Armstrong, Katie Riggle, Jessica Angion, Jacqueline Neumann

Third Row (l to r): Katie Pruitt, Caitlin Wessel, Kelly Hetzel, Chloe Smith, Katherine King, Victoria Clausen, Katie Courteney, Kayla Lloyd, Ashley Post, Katie McDonald, Cierra Mercado

Fourth Row (l to r): Briana Petty, Taylor Mayes, Jillian Seeger, Hannah Camp, Kristin Sulch, Kristen Cowan, Nellie Indichova, Rachel Mayes, Allison Hauser, Michelle Moshagen, Stephanie Fisher, Kristin Claborn, Brittany Emerson

Fifth Row (l to r): Marina Arsenijevic, Elizabeth Daake, Stephanie Langen, Cassandra Haberkamp, Kayla McClain, Felicia Haberkamp, Chelsea Sharp, Berlin Dickerson, Abby Keller, Jamie Shiner, Krista Rojas, Branne Wozniak, Rachel Lundstrom, Director Linda Schorbaecher

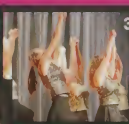
Varsity Singers

Sing and Dance Your Heart Out!



1. The Varsity Singers perform "Save the Last Dance"

2. Aaron Porter and singers perform "Save the Last Dance"

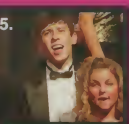


3. The girls from the TV Madley dance.

4. The boys reach for the sky during their performance of "Hail"



5. Tyson Daake and Kailee Pynakker perform during a performance.



Hannah Hupp

Favorite Hobbies: Sports, singing, and shopping
Favorite TV Show: *One Tree Hill*
Phobia: Bridges

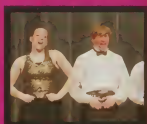
"The thrill of performing in front of people keeps you dancing," said senior varsity performer **Hannah Hupp**.

Hupp's favorite memories from Varsity Singer's included attending camp as well as serving as the choreographer for the group and Christmas shows.

"The best things are the friends you make and the performances," said **Hupp**.



Carley Gasaway, Stephanie Truax, and Katie Kern perform during *Fall Fantasia*.



Molly Vass and Scott McGuirl dance to *Cotton Eye Joe*.

Varsity Singers

Front Row (l to r): Megan Bansbach, Kailee Pynakker, Annesa Kasparian, Molly Vass
Middle Row (l to r): Bryce Shaffer, Nick Bullman, Paul Alters
Back Row (l to r): Desmetria Barnes, Mark Wirth, Erin Williams, Steve Alonzo, Scott McGuirl, Julia St. John, James Lipscomb, Katie Kern, Aaron Porter, Bryan Simpson, Julia Chappell, David Albers, Katie Reeves, Kris Brown
 Not pictured: Hannah Hupp, Alex Dean, Mari Divens, and Carley Gasaway

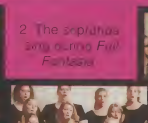


Concert Choir

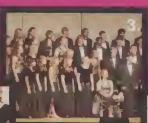
Go for the Gold!



1. Andrew Wolverton, Rob Sarwachiski, and Nick Bullman share a word during the end of a concert.



2. The sopranos sing during Fall Festival.



3. The concert choir sings during the Fall Festival.



4. Becky Schoon plays the Finnish lute.



5. Co-presidents of Concert Choir, Kristin Claiborne and Aaron Porter, announce the show.



Concert Choir was one of only four high school choirs chosen in the United States to perform at a choir festival in Lucerne, Switzerland. The group planned on visiting Italy as well.



Most people are afraid of singing, and the only place they might be caught singing is either in the shower or in the car, but never in public and especially not in front of a large group of people. The VHS concert choir and varsity singers did not fear singing for large groups because all of them enjoyed the rush of singing in front of an audience.

The varsity singers choreographed their own routines and memorized both the dance routines and many songs they sang throughout the year.

"It was always a challenge to memorize songs. We had so many different songs in different languages," said Ashley Heroldt.

"It was an honor to be a part of concert choir. It was a challenge to get in but it was worth it," said Heroldt.

Concert Choir

Front Row (l to r): Molly Vais, Nick Bullman, Kristin Claiborne, Aaron Porter, Julia St. John, Paul Albers, Becky Schoon

Second Row (l to r): April Appenagier, Carly Blane, Katie Kern, Laura Alonso, Annaliese Brandt, Brittany Nevill, Andrew Wolverton, Rob Sarwachinski, David Albers, Brendan Scannell, Kallee Pynskier, Sarah Dumavant, Stephanie Truax, Courtney Harding

Third Row (l to r): Carol Hezen, Allison Flisch, Desmema Barnes, Mari Divers, Kaylen Wanek, Gina Bishop, Megan Bartschbach, Bryna Shuller, Mark Worth, Claire Barton, Becca Millan, Jennifer Valpatie, Ame Wallace, Annesa Kesperian, Director Linda Schonbacher

Fourth Row (l to r): Hannah Hupp, Tiffany Vega, Becki White, Melanie Olin, Patrick Bushbaum, James Spicomb, Michael Sluck, Michael Jancovich, Ryan Hoffman, Steve Alonso, Becky Townsend, Stephanie Shelton, Caitlin Sherman, Julie Chappell, Erin Williams

Fifth Row (l to r): Clare Reinholdt, Cefley Gassaway, Lum Goethals, Alyssa Turk, Kris Brown, Scott McDuff, George Britten, Kristine Kola, Bryan Simpson, Tyson Baake, Greg Gibson, Travis Jefferson, Ashley Heroldt, Jenna Greene, Sara Albers, Hannah Westzel, Katie Reeves, Not pictured: Cora Grossnickle, Alex Dean



Chamber Orchestra

"Play like a dragon"



1. Abby Gratz plays her violin.

2. Matt Scuderi concentrates as he plays the cello.



3. Laura Franz follows along with the music.

4. Nicole Holesinger prepares to play the violin



5. Ben Townsend waits for his part to begin.



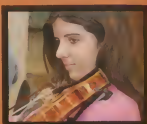
Mary O'Hara

Favorite Actor: John Krasinski
Favorite TV Show: "Everwood"
Future Career: Psychiatrist

Junior **Mary O'Hara** has played the violin since second grade after being inspired by her sister.

"I enjoyed playing the violin because I could express emotions about life that I found difficult to express in words," said **O'Hara**.

O'Hara's other hobbies included hanging out at church, surfing the web, chatting online, and reading a good book under a blanket.



Senior **Tiffany Smock** plays her violin during class.



Mr. Tim Kopf performs a piece along with the class.

Chamber Orchestra

Front Row II to r: Tiffany Smock, Heather Huber, Kelly McMillan, Erika Marinello, Simone Williams, Michelle Walker, Alecia Brown, Erin Gerig

Second Row: Steve Nardi, Laura Mittelstaedt, Karin Rozendaal, Megan Price, Phil Jakich, Kathryn Phillips, Katie Rodenbeck, Casey Thompson, David Beckwith, Sonia Rhadiev, Matt Scuderi, Becky Townsend, Jill Seeger

Third Row: Arianna Kovachevich, Krista Schaefer, Jessica Wells, Melanie Ohm, Alison McDonald, Kelsey Angelini, Nicole Holesinger, Mary O'Hara, Jacquelyn Painter, Claire Barton, Kristen Kelley, Megan Ranegar, Devon Scott, Scott Dodson, Joey Calbiati, Adam Comegys, Hannah Scupham, Gina Lang

Fourth Row: Cliff Bryan, Abby Gratz, Melissa Reach, Emily Lundstrom, Rick Stark, Mr. Kopf (director), Marissa Hoshaw, Ben Townsend, Marty Vukson



Concert Orchestra

"We must do our flexercisers"



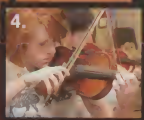
1. Nicholas Rooker plays his cello.

2. Kelly Copeland plays her violin.



3. Julia Sobek focuses as she plays the cello.

4. Allison Holevoet practices on the violin.



5. Taylor Gabbert plays a piece of music during class.



Concert orchestra members **Matt Sullivan** and **Erika Wickstorm** play their violins.



Concert orchestra members **Brad Colter**, **Anna-Lisa Nyborg**, **Julia Young**, and **Katie Memsic** play their cellos.

Both concert and chamber orchestras played a variety of music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* to *Adagietto* by Mahler. The events of the year included the fall concert, *This is Our Story*, and the Indiana State School Music Association Contest (ISSMA). At the end of April, the chamber orchestra performed competitively but did not make it to state.

"I chose to be an orchestra director so I could get paid to play all day, and give to today's youth some of what my teachers gave me which was to pass on musical tradition," said Director **Tim Kopf**.



Concert Orchestra

Front Row (l to r): Brad Colter, Anna-Lisa Nyborg, Kimberlie Walker, Julia Sobek, Julia Young, Katie Memsic, Jill Ridder, Jeanne Nolan, Tori Breitenbach, Thomas Price, Jimmy Wells, Oas Rooker

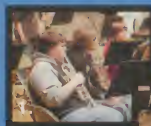
Second Row: Jasmine Blando, Allison Holevoet, Preethi Manohar, Melissa Barrie-Lehman, Erika Marinello, Anna Anderson, Annie VanProyen, Erik Paavola

Third Row: Nicaris Daniels, Angela Rooker, Alexis Newton, Hopey Fink, Taylor Gabbert, Lena Hauter, Megan Harsh, Alissa Nunley, Maya Major, Katherine Dalzotto, Bryan Colter

Fourth Row: Mr. Tim Kopf, Steven Thurn, Laura Franz, Erika Wickstrom, Henry Meyer, Matt Sullivan, Brendon Cock, Aumer Shughoury

Symphonic Band

Working our way up



1. Josh Russell and Skyler Balmer rest with their trumpets.

2. Brendon Simison plays his clarinet.



3. Before playing, Michael Whalman adjusts his stand.

4. Autumn Cole prepares to play.



5. Kadeem Al-Uqdah plays the bells along with the music.



Mary Kate Walsh

Instruments: Piano, Flute, and Piccolo

Word I use to describe myself: "Hardworking, because I like to push myself."

Freshman Mary Kate Walsh began playing the flute five years ago.

"Music became a player, and with hard work and determination, everyone contributes to create a beautiful sound that people enjoy listening to," said Walsh.

Aside from music, she enjoys playing sports, listening to music, and watching good movies. "Most people don't know that I also like to draw," Walsh added.

In the future, she plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and study architecture. She also plans to become a member of their marching band.

The best advice she has ever received is, "In a world where you can be anything, be yourself."



Freshmen C.J. Skok and Ingrid Adams play their trombones.



Eric Kessler plays the baritone during rehearsal.

Symphonic Band

Front Row (l-r): Katie Martin, Alicia Smock, Michael McBride, Stephanie Witt, Jillian Ranegar, Monique Brissette, Carrie Miller, Mary Kate Walsh, Audrey Cole

Second Row: Natasha Hoeslinger, Brendon Simison, William Scupham, Zack Dahlgren, Alyssa Johnson, Chris Covington, Christopher Blue, David Mullins, Kristin Dehring, Joseph Kearns, Matt Parr, John Zale

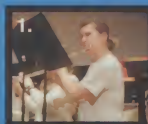
Third Row: Dylan Reynolds, Andrew Wall, Jeremy Zillinger, Skyler Balmer, Patrick Reineke, Matt Hostetter, Logan Fagg, Michael Witters, Ingrid Adams, Max VanHouten, C.J. Skok, Gunnar Voss, Kate Manning, Michael Whalman, James Elia, Alex Zappetello

Fourth Row: Jack Allen, Steven Bowker, Kadeem Al-Uqdah, Mr. Pritchett



Concert Band

Building a foundation for our futures



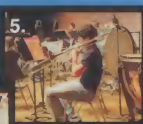
1. Kristin Kitchen follows her music on the flute.

2. Erica Wirsing plays the clarinet.



3. Cayla Klawitter rests as she waits to begin playing.

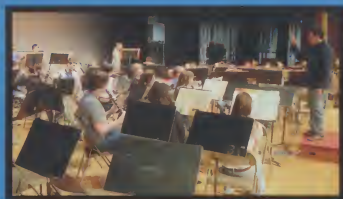
4. The trumpet section practices their parts in class.



5. During class, Matt Miller plays the trombone.



ABOVE: Mr. Pritchett and the symphonic band rehearse one of their pieces.



ABOVE: Mr. Rosario conducts concert band as they play through a few warm up exercises.

Concert band and Symphonic band served as stepping stones and learning experiences, preparing underclassmen for A and B bands. However, the pieces they played were still very difficult and challenging.

Most students began band in middle school and worked their way up from concert band, which was mostly freshman, to symphonic band, and then to A and B band.

Both Symphonic and Concert band met everyday to practice in preparation of various concerts.



Concert Band

Front Row (l to r): Aaron Shiplov, Erica Wirsing, Kristin Kitchen, Molly Welton, Samantha Blazak, Nate Nowosad, Lanna Barker

Second Row: Megan Hetzel, Kaitlyn Miller, Amanda La Velle, William Doeblir, Crystal Cobb, Julia Carpenter, Autumn Cole, Bridget Muntzing, Elizabeth Burnell, Evan Kuehl

Third Row: Jeremy Reff, Savannah Latimer, Matt Erickson, Kristin Spoelheif, Evan Rowland, Brendan Bieser, Alex Maldonado, Lucas Hartsough, Ben Keller, Elizabeth Wikerson

Fourth Row: Matthew Miller, Corey Wagner, Ryan Smaga, Katelyn Jamie, Matt Swinehart, Eric Kessler, Nathan Flaton, Ryan Wojda

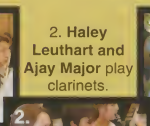
Fifth Row: Mr. Rosario, Cayla Klawitter, Katie Elder, Chris Haller, Jake Kroft, Colin Stisak, Mr. Pritchett

A and B Band

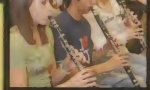
A dedication to excellence



1. Patrick Bushbaum plays his flute.



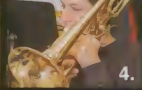
2. Haley Leuthart and Ajay Major play clarinets.



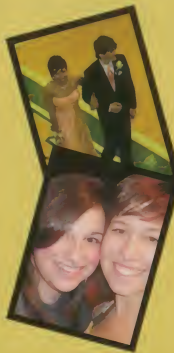
3. Deanna Affeld and Michael Stack play drums while marching.



4. Evan Merz focuses while playing his trombone.



5. Todd Miner and Kevin Krupchak follow along with the music.



Lindsey Pfledderer

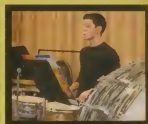
Favorite Music: alternative, rock, pop
Favorite TV Show: *House*
Phobia: needles

Lindsey Pfledderer was a junior at VHS this year. Pfledderer not only enjoyed playing her oboe and English horn, but also enjoyed reading, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends. She was in band for 6 years and was a drum major for the marching band. She also taught oboe lessons.

Pfledderer's dream car was an Audi TT. If she could have had one super power, she would have wanted to fly. Pfledderer's personal hero was her mom.



Matt Meyer, Emily Simison, and Shelly Westerhausen play their base clarinets.



During class, Jim Burnell practices on the drums.

A Band

Front Row (l to r): Brittany Stack, Barb Wilkerson, Patrick Bushbaum, Madeline Baker, Jalyssa Lopez, Katie Mika, Mary Moats, Laurie Mullins.

Second Row: Kevin Ostafinski, Emily Cole, Haley Leuthart, Gianni Galbiati, Greg Gibson, Krestin Engerer, Katie Reinert, Samantha Bowker, Josh Bowman, Colin Willing, Emily Pullins, Megan Evers, Rebecca Schoon.

Third Row: Kresley Hasselbring, Alex Lawson, Laura Alonzo, Andria Kessler, Michael Moore, Ellen Kozelka, Robert Parker, Mak Hozo, Julia St. John, Cameron Hiker, Sam Elder, David LaBar, Jeff Riggie, Jordan Longstreth, Andrew Hostetler, Marcus Mues, David Wenzel, Sam Ostafinski, Scott Dobbler.

Fourth Row: Jodie Boy, Srinharsha Kota, Monica Mockler, Emily Simison, Ajay Major, Aaron Porter, Vesna Bukur, Brody Carter, Michael Pavelli, Ryan Earf, Philip Santay, Michael Stack, Ben Kroft, Paul Abers, Carolyn Shaffer, Alex Breitzke, Todd Miner, Evan Merz, Kevin Krupchak, Matthew Meyer, Shelly Westerhausen.

Fifth Row: Elizabeth Danielson, Michael Slack, Kevin Costalunga, Nate Malone, Jon Gold, Jim Burnell, Mr. Pritchett





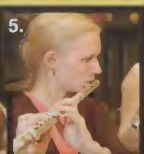
1. Marcus Mues plays the euphonium.

2. Percussionist Nate Malone plays the drums.



3. Sam Bowker and Megan Evers complete the French horn section.

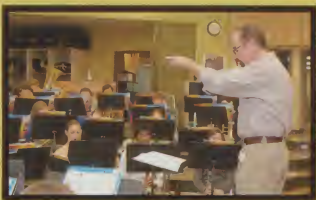
4. Scott Doeblner concentrates while playing his tuba.



5. Kristin Engerer practices her flute in class.



ABOVE: Members of the A and B bands march in the homecoming parade.



ABOVE: Band director Mr. Prichett leads the A band in a piece during class.

As one of the top musical organizations in the state of Indiana, Valparaiso High School's band was made up of a very talented group of musicians. These students attended class daily and put in many hours practicing their instruments at home, but their hard work did not stop there. Being a member of the band meant many after school practices for contests and evening performances. Each member was also required to participate in marching band in the fall which meant even more outside classroom practice in order to perform at the halftime show of every home football game.

At the end of the year, however, their dedication to excellence paid off. Both the A and B bands competed in the state-wide competition where the A band placed fourth.



B Band

Front Row (l to r): Nicholas Skok, Nicole Banco, Hayley Costas, Courtney Romano, Jessica Stanfill, Amber Shula, Casey Earl, Abbey Cunningham

Second Row: Mia Kälisch, Katie Wendesiewicz, Henne Mueller, Michael Zappellito, Elizabeth Valpatic, Bailey Smith, Natalie Novello, Ann Sarkisian, April Sroks, Emme Weissmann, Vaughn Leslie, Nicholas Reneke, Patrick Skelton

Third Row: Lindsey Pfledderer, Peter Bocek, Nicholas Virgil, Mark Hoffarth, Evangeline Magno, Christy St John, Tom Miner, Nicole Lawrence, Grant Reed, James Suppico, Jesse Ruedard, Joseph Funk, Joseph Idstein, Robert Penman, Michael Huganand

Fourth Row: Corbett Miller, Nathan Felton, Taylor Granat, Kretzler Rosano, Ben Klawitter, Joshua Russel, Scott Nemeth, Jeffrey Skelton, Bryce Shaffer, Nick Clark

Fifth Row: Mr. Rosano, Deanne Affeldt, Douglas Dravininkas, John Sellenovitz, Michael Hoffarth, Steve Alonzo, Reed Miller, Mr. Prichett

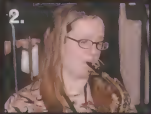
Jazz Band

The Jazz Age



1. Mak Hozo plays the electric keyboard.

2. Jessie Ruisard performs a piece of music.

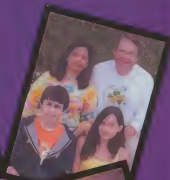


3. Jim Burnell makes a beat on his drums.

4. Pat Reineke follows the music on his trumpet.



5. Kate Manning plays her trombone with a mute in it.



Ajay Major

Favorite Movie: *The Italian Job*
Favorite TV Shows: *Alias* and *The West Wing*
Future Career: Physician

Senior **Ajay Major** played the piano, clarinet, contralto clarinet, and saxophone.

"Playing a wide variety of instruments has allowed me to better understand music as a whole and become a better musician," said **Major**.

He began playing the saxophone four years ago. "I enjoy the variety of literature we play in band, as well as the opportunity to work as a team towards a common, singular goal: to create music," added **Major**.

Major's mom was his hero. "The passion, courage, and strength she has put into her incredible journey through life is that of a true hero, who inspires all," said **Major**.



Marty Vukson performs on a bass.



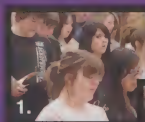
At the jazz dance, Carolyn Shaffer plays her trumpet for a crowd.

The saxophone section of the jazz band includes students **Tori Miner, Joey Kerns, Christy St. John, Vangie Magno,** and **Mak Hozo**. They performed at the jazz band's annual dance.



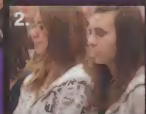
Mixed Chorus

Sing and be Happy



1. Meagan Toren practices during class.

2. Ellen Gammon and Michelle Boyes listen to the director.



3. Jimmy Reynolds rehearses.



4. Carolyn Neale sings during practice.



5. Rachel Foreman rehearses a piece of music.



ABOVE: Lab band members Emily Simison and Kristen Dehring at the Big Band Dance.



ABOVE: Mixed Chorus members rehearse for an upcoming performance.

Members of Jazz Band were divided into four groups: Jazz Ensemble, Studio A band, Studio B band, and Lab band. The Big Band Dance was the major event of the year. At the dance, jazz band members performed pieces for parents and students. Other major events of the year included the Jazz Festival at Northrup High School, the Guest Artist Concert, and the Purdue Jazz Festival.



Mixed Chorus

Front Row (l to r): Jimmy Reynolds, Harry Peterlin, D'ana Williams, Kayla Mosley, Percy Washington, Jessica Allen, Nicole Gillen

Second Row (l to r): Rachel Foreman, Meagan Toren, Anna Larson, Malen Angon, Aina Marthaus, Michelle Boyes, Ellen Gammon, Rachel Gilliam, Kelsey Reinhart

Third Row (l to r): Sharon Shepard, Alyssa Metcalfe, Rachel Hughart, Lauren VanZuuden, Ashley Tolbert, Danny Cavender, Nathan Burden, Jonelle Tucker, Abby Reppert, Janessa Hayes, Amber Stolick, Brittany Myers, Brittany Smith

Fourth Row (l to r): Dacey Denton, Ver-nica Lewandowski, Delaney McCotter, Taylor Hendrix, Troy Little, Brandon Grallon, Ashley Tucker, Sydney Furr, Ariana Wilson, Natesha Collins, Megan Galarza, Linda Schonbachler

Back Row (l to r): Carolyn Neale, Ka'arra Freeze, Corey Pietrowski, Courtney Murphy, Chelsea Berger, Diana Hendrich

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From the final ring of the buzzer, to the final sprint to the finish line, the students at VHS express who they are throughout everything they do, including sports.

Being an athlete at Valparaiso High School requires teamwork, dedication, and **intensity**. Our school is home to some of the best athletes in not only the region, but the state as well.

We are united, we are proud, we are the **VIKINGS**.





LEFT: JV basketball team member, Jerrick Suiter goes up for a shot against his Portage defender.

BELOW: Senior Jordan Longstreth serves the ball during a varsity volleyball match.



LEFT: Sophomore Emma Weissman cools down after a cross-country race.

ABOVE: Quarterback of the varsity football team, senior Alex Sarkisian, controls the ball during a game.



ABOVE: After defeating his opponent, senior Tommy Churchyard is announced as the winner of his wrestling match. Churchyard was the Indiana wrestling State Champion of 2008.



The Vikettes cheer at a varsity basketball game.



Junior flag captain Callin Florek waits for a new move to perform during pre-game.



Three Vikettes do colorguard before a varsity game.



Callin Florek and Lindsay Cunningham spin their flags for the "Cars" theme.



The poms perform at a basketball game during half time.



The poms display their skills in the Homecoming parade led by seniors Lindsay Paulson, Molly Vass, and Vesna Bukur.



Flags Lindsay Cunningham and Kelley Hetzel and poms Kaylen Wanek and Molly Vass hang out during camp.



The poms do a toe-touch to their home school song routine before a football game.



The flags and poms perform a dance for the parents before a football game.



"The best part of Vikettes is making friends with the girls on the team. My favorite memory was performing the routine I helped make up."



Kelley Hetzel '09

"I loved going to camp and being on the court. It is fun being in front of people."



Alina Marthakis '10

"The best part of Vikettes is performing and hanging out with everyone on the team."



Lindsay Paulson '08

Molly Vass

Phobia: not the dark, but what is in the dark.
TV Shows: *So You Think You Can Dance?*
Thing To Do: dance, hang out with friends, listen to music

"Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." This quote by Albert Einstein was a favorite of senior Molly Vass who was a captain of the Vikette squad, and had been dancing for 12 years.

Vass worked at Mirror Image as an instructor for 3 years. In addition, she hoped to earn a double major in dance and English education at Hope College.





Vikettes

Front Row (l to r): Lindsay Paulson, Molly Vass, Alexa Raynor
Middle Row (l to r): Taylor Rucker, Emily Brennecke, Jenni Hilker, Anna-Lisa Nyborg, Kelley Hetzel, Abbey Cunningham, Abby Billings
Back Row (l to r): Hayley Valestin, Alina Marthakis, Kaylen Waneck, Ashley Vanderwall, Callin Florek, Lindsey Cunningham, Stephanie Truax, Coach Susana Baker

one singular sensation



The flags do a "ripple" backwards during half time to their "Love" themed music.

"My favorite memory was going to camp because it gave us a chance to really get to know each other and bond as a team."

Abby Billings '10

Quick Facts With Coach Baker

Q: Why did you want to become the Vikette coach?

A: "I love spirit squads! I am all about being spirited and so are the Vikettes."



"I really wanted to be involved in a team. I remember going to a football game and seeing the Vikettes perform and telling myself that I wanted to be a part of it."

Alexa Raynor '08



"I joined Vikettes because it sounded like a great team that had tons of fun and loved to dance as much as me."

Emily Brennecke '11





Coach Bill Miller drives a golf cart around the course.



Kelly Copeland, Lauren Jacobs, and Lyndsey Holmes keep track of their scores.



Preparing to hit the ball, Kate Manning concentrates.



Kelly Copeland swings to drive the ball.



Golfer Stephanie Truax focuses on setting up for a drive.



Annie Nolan follows through on her position.



(L-R) Annie Nolan, Emilia Sitja, Lauren Jacobs, Coach Miller, and Kelly Copeland



Ellen Kozelka, Annie Nolan, Lauren Jacobs, Emilia Sitja, and Kelly Copeland pose after the Merrillville match.

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Lauren Jacobs gets ready to hit a drive.



Emilia Sitja

Nickname: Em or Emi
Weird habit: "My hair tie has to match my outfit!"

"Golf was the first sport I played in high school. It has definitely taught me commitment, and how to be open to different talent levels and personalities," said Sitja.

Her most exciting moment was placing second at Sectionals as a team, and performing well at Regionals by placing seventh.



Getting ready to tee off, Libbie Gilliland concentrates on her form.



Megan Clayson prepares to hit the ball.





Front Row (l to r): Lauren Jacobs, Libbie Gilliland, Stephanie Truax, Kelly Copeland, Shea Selby, Lyndsey Holmes

Back Row: Coach Bill Miller, Emilia Sitja, Megan Claysen, Stephanie Downey, Kate Manning, Annie Nolan, Emily Kolodziej, Madeline Conner, Coach Melissa Stoltzfus

going for the green



Shea Selby sets up for a drive while playing at the Valparaiso Country Club.



"My favorite part is just being able to have fun and play with my teammates and play golf!"

Lyndsey Holmes '11



"My favorite memory of the season was when I raced Emily Kolodziej to the bus and I totally beat her by going through an emergency exit."

Ellen Kozelka '08

"My brother pretty much inspired me. He used to take me golfing with him all the time."

Kelly Copeland '09

Quick Facts With Coach Miller

Q. What were your impressions of the season?
A. "I was very proud of the girls this season. Highlights of the year included a second place finish at Sectionals and strong showing at Regionals. I'm very excited about next season."





Valpo runners take their pre-race run.



Junior Matt Murga runs next to senior teammate, Matt Meyer, during a race.



The runners start the race against Michigan City.



With upperclassmen in the front, the team gets morale up before a meet.



Tyler Kittridge, Drew Silms, and Colin Stiscak stretch before the meet.



The team runs together before a race.



The team poses for a picture after a run.



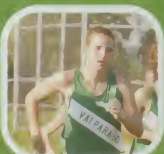
Kevin Costalunga, '09

"I think trust is a big part of being a member of a team. You have got to believe in and be there for each other."

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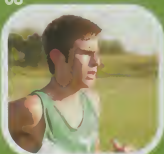


"My pre-running ritual is to put my right sock on before my left. That's the way it's always been."



Sam Ostofinski '08

"My favorite part of being on the team is that all the upperclassmen like me... I think."



Jason Watson '11

"The whole team works to help pull each other along. Everyone is concerned about helping each other and the team."



Andrew Kutkoski '09

Matthew Murga

nickname: Matt
superpower: change time
biggest phobias: spiders, Coach Prow, and cemeteries

"Enjoy running? Hardly. Tolerate it, yes. It makes me stronger, I love the race aspect, and the amazing team," said Matt Murga, a junior and a top 12 cross country runner. Murga has been living in Valpo for 14 years. "I enjoy living here. It is a nice, scenic town," said Murga. Matt not only juggles a tough running schedule and school work; he has a job at Gil Drugs as well. When asked about his least favorite thing about school, Murga replied, "The homework. AHHH!"





Front Row (l to r): Connor Bowers, Tyler Kittridge, Jon Westmoreland, Colin Stiscak, Drew Sims, Michael Bobos

Second Row: Henry Meyer, John Nupnau, Eric Kessler, John Miller, Scott Dodson, Jason Watson, Matt Burgess, Brendan Pope, Justin Williams

Back Row: Coach Mike Prow, James Ella, Gunnar Voss, Matthew Murga, Sam Ostofinski, Andrew Kutkoski, Kevin Costalunga, Michael Moore, Matt Meyer, Kevin Ostofinski, C.J. Skok, Nick Skok, Ass't Coach Aaron Crague



going the distance



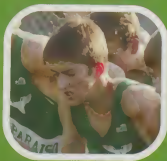
"I joined cross country to get in shape for baseball and ended up loving it. The guys are really great."

Justin Williams '08



"Running has definitely had a huge influence on me. I've learned that hard work and persistence pay off."

Matt Meyer '08



"My favorite part of being on the team is just hanging around with everyone. We all really want to make it to state."

Matt Burgess '09



"If you don't work hard to accomplish goals as a team, they will never get reached."

John Miller '09

Quick Facts With Coach Mike Prow

Q: Why did you want to become a coach?

A: "I love the competition, I love winning, and I love watching kids improve."

Q & A:



Emma Weismann sprints toward the finish line.



Sophomore Cassie Kirk finishes strong.



Pouring water over herself, junior Hanna Mueller cools off.



Cindy Rawley recovers after the race.



The girls sprint from the starting line.



In a dual meet, junior Megan Ranegar leads the race.



Working hard, sophomore Jill Ranegar continues on.



Freshman Alissa Nunley continues the race.

RECORD:
14-1



After finishing, freshman Janelle Golly catches her breath.



Megan Ranegar

Nickname: Ranegander
Favorite Movie: *Forest Gump*
Favorite Music Genre: Rock

Junior Megan Ranegar first started running because her sister, Jill Ranegar, who is also on the team, started running. She has also grown close to the other members on the team. "We're like sisters. We're all really different but we get along well. I can count on every one of them," she said.

All her hard work has paid off, as she is the number one runner on the team and a clear leader. Her advice to aspiring runners is to "give it everything you have. You have to push your own limits to get better."



Freshman Erica Wirsing recuperates after the race.



Freshman Alex Robinson is congratulated by her teammates.





Girls Cross Country
Front Row (l to r): Olympia Burgess, Jill Ranegar, Cindy Rawley, Angellica Perez, Erica Wirsing

Middle Row: Allissa Nunley, Janelle Golly, Jessica Stanfill, Emma Weismann, Megan Ranegar, Hanna Mueller

Back Row: Coach DeVries, Caitlin Gooding, Alex Robinson, Sarah Wallace, Cassie Kirk, Katie Sommer, Ashley Hoshaw, Kate Nowosad, Coach Cavanaugh



going the distance



"Before each meet, I listen to *Soldier Boy* to get me pumped up."

Hanna Mueller '09



"A typical practice consists of stretching, running hard, doing ab workouts, and weightlifting."

Caitlin Gooding '09

Quick Facts With Coach DeVries



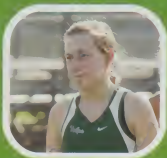
Q: What were your impressions of the season?

A: "I am pleased with the way the girls improved. They took on a challenge months ago and the results paid off."



"Cross country is such a good way to release stress, plus I really enjoy pushing myself to be the best I can be."

Sarah Wallace '11



"Before every meet, we all say a prayer together and do our team cheer."

Jessica Stanfill '09

Fall Cheer

Front Row (l to r): Rebecca

Patton, Kelcey Hall

Middle Row (l to r): Ashley Post,

Danielle Schroeder, Melissa

Reach, Moriah Quinn, Katie Kern

Back Row (l to r): Coach Kara

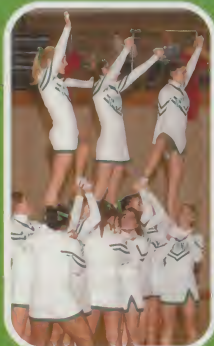
Shunkwiler, Cathy Gamino,

Melissa Bader, Brittany Hargis,

Stephanie Shettles, Brianna Sever,

Hilary Teibel, Kailyn Goad, Coach

Susana Lopez-Baker



The cheerleaders stunt for the starters at a boy's game.



Victor Viking, Alfonso Bray, poses for a picture before the game.



The girls "spirit" after they perform to the home school song for an excited crowd.



The cheerleading team prepares to catch sophomore Katie Kern before a football game.

Kelcey Hall

Phobia: dirty places

Favorite Song: "Vulnerable"

Favorite Movie: *The Break-Up*

Kelcey Hall, a senior, has been cheerleading for five years. "I joined the VHS cheer team because I wanted to meet new people and continue cheering," said Hall.

This year, Hall was a captain of the team. Her favorite TV show was "Friends". She wanted to attend Marquette University and become a forensic psychologist.

If Hall had one wish, she would wish for her family and friends to be happy and live a full life.



"My favorite cheer memory is all the bus rides. We all sit in the back singing *O-Town* and *Tila* as loud as we can!"

Melissa Bader '10

"My favorite part about cheerleading is being at the games and spending time with the team."

Kailyn Goad '11





Winter Cheer

Front Row (l to r): Becca Patton, Melissa Reach, Kelcey Hall
Middle Row (l to r): Ashley Post, Rhaya Reynolds, Melissa Bader, Katie Kern, Danielle Schroeder
Back Row (l to r): Coach Susana Lopez-Baker, Alissa Nunley, Kailyn Goad, Brittany Hargis, Alex Jarvis, Loren O'Neal, Hilary Teibel, Coach Kara Shunkwiler

spreading school spirit



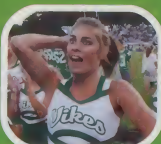
"My favorite memory was probably the night we TP'ed the senior football players. We all had so much fun running around that night, even though we were exhausted."

Hilary Teibel '09

Quick Facts With Coach Shunkwiler

Q: Why did you want to become a cheer coach?

A: "I wanted to become a cheer coach because I wanted to promote more school spirit at the high school."



"The best thing about cheerleading this year was the girls. They gave me the best senior year I could ask for and countless memories I will hold dear for the rest of my life."

Rebecca Patton '08



"I wanted to try something new. I have been dancing most of my life, and I thought cheerleading would bring a new perspective or dimension to my dance."

Brianna Sever '09 133

Varsity/JV Football Team

Front Row: B. Nargis, A. Post, S. Shettles, G. Camino, H. Telbeil, M. Resch, B. Patton, K. Hall, B. Sever, K. Kern, M. Bader, D. Schroeder, M. Quinn, K. Good.

Second Row: A. Velasquez, B. Kimes, J.T. Baldwin, M. DeMorgio, P. Bell, J. Johnson, B. Suckas, M. Keaton, A. Giamtrak, C. Vlasic, M. Sullivan.

Third Row: R. Davis, M. Jaroswicz, B. Collier, B. Collier, S. Stalger, R. Perry, M. Goldschmidt, J.J. Peller, N. Thompson, E. Wratten, S. Brown, K. Bertram.

Fourth Row: N. Sarkisian, J. Balazs, K. Showalter, T. Gellinetti, K. Krupczak, D. Pustkover, M. Kolar, T.J. Trindisty, M. Parks, A. Ramirez, T. Wilson, E. Demilo.

Fifth Row: Z. Thomas, S. Kiddush, J. Usher, S. Shimale, R. Shemis, D. Potkovic, E. Owens, K. Blakey, D. Linder, B. Goodale, R. Vermosky.

Sixth Row: B. Olejczak, J. Todd, J. Withrow, M. Hoefherth, B. Bartholomew, M. Hittinger, K. Plet, E. Jackson, M. Hillis, J. Johnson, R. Ellis, W. Hoeflicker.

Seventh Row: A. Paul, E. Goodie, M. Gasaway, M. Lasky, R. Langer, A. Mogick, A. Sarkisian, S. Rastovic, M. Wenzel, J. Schroeder, B. Ross, M. Coryell.

Eighth Row: J. Holloway, J. Salanovitz, C. Whickcar, B. Tobey, Z. Greiner, D. Scott, J. Olson, S. Shelton, C. Cunningham, Z. Luvovich, B. VanSenus, C. Snapp.

Coaches: H. Hofer, J. Davis, B. Ueska, M. Helmer, E. Kennedy, T. Evans, B. Marshall, D. Mattox, D. Coyle, T. Rann, G. Simms, S. Pluskota, M. Hoffman.



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1. Lefty Marcinkowski dodges Michigan City team players to get a touchdown.



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2. Alex Sarkisian prepares to pass the ball.



3.

The varsity team breaks through a paper banner before a game.



Ryan Ellis

Nickname: Ellis

Favorite quote: "A man is not defeated when he is down, he is defeated when he quits."

Favorite Actor: Denzel Washington, because he molds into his character

Ryan Ellis, a senior this year, was very involved in sports at VHS.

"Besides football I'm involved in track and I'm thinking about wrestling this year," said Ellis.

His main passion was football. Ellis depended on teamwork to get things done and win the game. Ellis gave it his all this year even though he encountered pain every so often.

"A negative of being on the team is the soreness after a game," said Ellis.



"I love knowing that I am a part of something that is bigger than any one person."

J.J. Peller '09



The defensive team gathers into a huddle to prepare for the next play.





Freshmen Football Team

Front Row (l to r): Ryan Henke, Greg Simms, Alex Maldonado, Tamim Abulhassan, Tony Trinosky, Derek Brettin, Sterling Vugrio, Collin Finigan
 Second Row: Dan Rankin, Kyle Thomas, Andrew Withrow, Matt Franco, Steve Feeney, J.T. Baldwin, Josh Sims, Zach Mikosy, Zach Dawson, Matt Meilen
 Third Row: Evan Kuehl, Lefty Marcinkowski, David Walker, Jordan Landgrebe, Chad Barton, Chris Ahearn, Jacob Steele, Jon Covington, Nathan Pisarski, Jimmy Wells
 Fourth Row: Jordan Landgrebe, Matt Mason, Derek Hill, Dominic Coatsolonia, Brent Hill, Joel Bishop, Matt Miller, Justin Hreha, Michael Wahlman, Jake LeDrew
 Fifth Row: Chad Barton, Brad Feeney, Nathan Odle, Doug Demorotski, Chris Ahearn, Josh O'Dell, Adam Thoma, John Williams, Lucas Zromkoski
 Sixth Row: Adam Peterka, Eric Shanahan, Adam Butterfield, Jerrick Sulter, Ian Watson, Will Fortson, David Mullins, John Ray, Phillip Spencer, Matthew Wagner
 Back Row: Jon Davis, Herb Hofer, Ben Ueske, Greg Simms, Stacey Plushkota

tackling the competition

VARSITY RECORD

6-5

JV RECORD

4-5

FRESHMAN RECORD

6-0-1



"My favorite thing about playing on the team was being with friends and hitting hard."

Phillip Spencer '11

Quick Facts With Coach Mark Hoffman

Q & A:

Q: What made you want to become a football coach?

A: "For the love of the game and I enjoy working with young people."



"I like being a part of the team."

J.T. Baldwin '11



"The positives of being on the football team included making new friends, meeting new people, and getting better at the sport."

Dan Rankin '09

Junior Varsity Boys Tennis

Front Row (l to r): Harry Peterson, Josh Bartusch, Olas Rooker, Max Barnett, Kavin Patel, Aumer Shughoury
Back Row (l to r): Coach Gary Dixon, Kris Jenk, Nathan Klumpe, Krishna Kota, Dusan Simic, Andrew Crookston, Soma Szabo, Coach Bob Barthold



1. Eric McClure, a senior on the varsity team, prepares to hit the ball.
2. Senior Pat Pochop gets set to take a swing at the ball.



"Playing tennis is always one of the best experiences of the year for me because of all the competition and fun.



Soma Szabo '11

Marc Sheidler

Favorite Quote: "If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail."

Personal Hero: Pete Sampras

Favorite Sports Team: Chicago Cubs

Sheidler, a freshman on the varsity tennis team, prides himself on being a confident person. He openly takes advice he is given and uses it to his advantage.

"The best piece of advice I've ever received is to 'Be aggressive yet in control,'" Sheidler said.

Judging from his favorite quote Sheidler works hard on and off the court, following the example of his hero Pete Sampras who he looks up to for being a "class act."

His hard work paid off making Sheidler the MVP of the varsity tennis team as a freshmen, a rarity at Valpo High School.



"Tennis was a lot of fun and I enjoyed being on the team this year."

Max Barnett '10



"I have a lucky pair of boxers that I wear for important matches."

Ben Kroft '08





Varsity Boys Tennis

Front Row (l to r): Marc Shldeler, Todd Miner, Ben Kroft, Pat Pochop, Brian Tran, Collin Willing.

Back Row (l to r): Coach Gary Dixon, Michael Pellfian, Eric McClure, Sriharsha Kota, Matt Scuderi, Pat Pellfian, Coach Bob Barthold

loving the game



VARSITY RECORD

11-4

JV RECORD

10-4



"Mr. Barthold is the best coach in the history of sports."

Todd Miner '08

Quick Facts With Coach Bob Barthold



Q: What is your favorite part of coaching?

A: I love working with the students and motivating them to do their best.



"Everyone was nice to everyone else, there was no discrimination from talented upperclassmen toward inexperienced freshmen."

Aumer Shughoury '11



"If I were to give an aspiring player advice I would tell them to stick to the basics and always be aggressive."

Collin Willing '09

Junior Varsity Girls Soccer

Front Row (l to r): Ashleigh Shields, Meghan Etzler, Brittany Smith, Tori Breitenbach

Middle Row (l to r): Logan Andrews, Hanna Merz, Jeanne Nolan, Rachel Hughart, Kathryn Orr, Sarah Fisher

Back Row (l to r): Laney Martin, Jessica Feczko, Felicia Haberkamp, Marissa Matuska, Mary Kate Walsh, Kacie Marshall, Stephanie Fisher, Coach Robert Cespedes



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1. Freshman Felicia Haberkamp and freshman Mary Kate Walsh work together to take the ball down the field.

2. Freshman Stephanie Fisher looks down at the ball to steal it from the other team.



Sophomore **Logan Andrews** and sophomore **Kacie Marshall** work together to stop the other team from getting away with the ball.



Brittany Vasquez

Nickname: B-Vaz

Phobia: Bees

Favorite TV show: *One Tree Hill*

Brittany Vasquez was a Junior at VHS and an active varsity girls soccer player. She is remembered for her bubbly personality and for working extremely hard. She loved being on the soccer team and felt her highest amount of confidence "strutting her stuff" in her soccer uniform. She lives by her motto that a person should never give up on what she wants in life, and if an individual works hard enough she can achieve anything.



The varsity girls sit together listening to a motivational speech from their coach Hans Scheller.



Senior **Molly O'Brien** steals the ball from the other team and works her way down the field ready to make a goal.





Varsity Girls Soccer

Front Row (l to r): Olivia Sloan, Arianna Kovachevich, Kassl Van Keppel, Meghan Oglesby, Alexa Kovachevich

Middle Row (l to r): Kayla Thorpe, Jessica Reed, Molly O'Brien, Meghan Denny, Bridget o'Brien, Brittany Vasquez, Kara Webb

Back Row (l to r): Coach Hans Scheller, Caroline Walsh, Laura Jack, Allison Hess, Krista Schaefer, Ashleigh Clinkenbeard, Mandy Campos, All Bluell, Coach Joe Alelli, Robert Cespedes

achieving our goals



VARSITY RECORDS

15-4

JV RECORDS

8-4-2



Quick Facts With Coach Cespedes

Q. Why did you want to become a soccer coach?

A. "I love the game, helping players to improve, and have a good sense of what it is to be a team."



"Being on the team for the last four years I have made great friends and have had some amazing coaches. They have helped to shape me into a better player and a better person."

Arianna Kovachevich '08



"As a member of a team, one must be open to new ideas and make efforts to get along to benefit the team."

Jessica Reed '08



"The most important quality as a member of a team is the ability to work with others. The game is won or lost due to team effort, not just one individual."

Laura Jack '08

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

Front Row (l to r): Jeff Lenz, Alex Hathoot, Chase Sarkisian, Lincoln Barlow, Scott Erwin, A.J. Ratajec, Grant Reed, Justin Turner, Mark Morton, Nickolas Jeftich, Austin Scharwtz, Partick Reinecke
Second Row (l to r): Couch Cuson, Nick Violanti, Ken Kollasch, Joel Krueger, Drew Ficken, Ben Wallace, Greg Beno, Jerry Williams, Nick Erineke, Sam Ficken, Tony Franz



1. Players celebrate after an exciting win.
 2. Senior Marc Minissale kicks the ball down the field.



"I've played soccer my whole life, and I love the sport."

Brett Balingit '08



Todd Morton

Favorite Movie: *Zoolander*

Theme Song: *Free and Easy* by Dierks Bently

Hero: His dad

As a senior on the varsity soccer team this year and one of three captains, **Todd Morton** was a leader on and off the field.

"I loved the friends I have made and experiences I have had with them," said **Morton**.

He has played soccer for eight years and his most exciting moment was being voted captain. He planned to attend college to continue to play soccer after he graduated.



"I love the feeling you get after a hard earned win."

Ben Wallace '10



"My favorite part of being on the team was playing with a talented group of guys."

Josh Szymiest '09





Varsity Boys Soccer

Front Row (l to r): Brett Balingit, Max VanHouten, Mark Jaskowiak, Alex Breitzke, Eric Schoer, Kyle Britenbach, Marc Minissale, George Bukur, Ken Armour.

Second Row (l to r): Peter Kalmbach, Ryan Benja, Garrad Akrigh, Tyler Jacobs, Brian Webb, Craig Bazin, Max Breitinger, Todd Morton, Mike Pavell, Torrey Brock, Josh Stymlist



achieving our goals

VARSITY RECORD

12-2-4

JV RECORDS

12-1-3



Quick Facts With Coach Jęftich

Q: What is your favorite part about coaching?

A: "Seeing young men achieve their goals and going to the next level."



"I've had to sacrifice friends and other sports for soccer, but I would have it no other way."

Gerrad Akrigh '10



"My advice to an aspiring player would be to get in shape, and buy Coach Jęftich an expensive watch."

Max Breitinger '08



"The best part of this season was Yahtsuu...for sure."

Torrey Brock '09

Varsity Volleyball Team

Front Row (l to r): Erin Gabriele, Jordan Longstreth

Middle Row: Rebekah Niedner, Morgan Olsen, Jessica Novak, Emily Van Laan, Sam Haller

Back Row: Coach Heather Treece, Gina Lang, Maddie Baker, Stephanie Lang, Meghan Romo, Krissy Hasselbring, Coach Katie Lenard



1. Freshman Allee Ogden prepares to spike the ball.
2. Members of the varsity team gather together for a cheer.

3. Varsity players block the ball.

"My pre-game ritual is to clear my head of anything and everything to remain less nervous."



Erin Gabriele '10

"I usually blast techno from my iPod and eat out of my jar of peanut butter before a game."

Gina Lang '09

"After being on the team for four years, I am a more dedicated person and work well with all types of people."

Jordan Longstreth '08

Meghan Romo

Nickname: Romo

Superpower: to be invisible

Biggest Phobia: heights and public speaking

Junior Meghan Romo has played volleyball since the 7th grade. After being named MVP in the 8th grade, she realized that she "might be good."

Romo has played on the varsity team for the last two years and plans to continue playing in college. She might want to coach her own team one day, but whatever she ends up doing, it has to be "something that involves sports or athletics."





JV Volleyball Team

Front Row (l to r): Emily Seibert, Brittany Turley

Middle Row: Allee Ogden, Katie Olejniczak, Casey Earl, Ali Hauser

Back Row: Coach Ashley Watson, Amber Shuta, Ruth Sanders, Jordan Snapp, Katie Holmgren, Ann Sarkisian



playing with
heart

VARSITY RECORD
18-17

JV RECORD
17-9



Quick Facts With Coach Katie Lenard



Q: What is the best thing about coaching?

A: "Helping the girls get better at volleyball and being able to see the improvement."



"I look up to all of my teammates. I think it is amazing how we can pick each other up when we need it."

Bri Petty '10



"I look forward to volleyball every year. The girls are so much fun. The games are intense, the pasta parties are well...filling, and the practices are exciting."

Casey Earl '10



"When I was younger, I played everything. I gave it all up to focus on this sport. And I am glad I did."

Jordan Snapp '11

Freshman Basketball

Front Row (l to r): Chelsea Stanchick, Breckyn Wilson, Cassidy Turley, Janelle Golly, Kara Webb, Ashley Stymiest, Tori Breitenbach

Back Row (l to r): Coach Heidi Bernardi, Jillian Block, Kelly Brichta, Elizabeth Daake, Ingrid Adams, Sarah Wallace, Delaney McGinley, Coach Lisa Woodson



1. Cassidy Turley dribbles the ball down the court.
2. Elizabeth Daake blocks a member of the opposing team.



"The most important qualities teammates should have is communication and cooperation."



Delaney McGinley

Favorite TV Show: *Lost*
Dream Car: Dodge Hemi Truck
Favorite Sports Team: Bears

Freshman Delaney McGinley played volleyball, basketball, and track. Her goals were to become a better player and eventually play varsity.

In the future, McGinley would like to be a teacher or a pediatrician. She enjoys being with friends and family.

"My personal hero would have to be my Grandma because she has been through a lot, and she never gives up," said McGinley.



Elly Colon '11



Cayla Klawitter high fives teammate Elly Colon.



"My favorite memory was the Lake Central tournament, the bus ride home, and then running to our cars to get home for homecoming."

Claudia Kalin '11





Freshman Volleyball
Front Row (l to r): Kristina Stewart, Katherine Dalzatto, Elly Colon, Blaney Keough
Middle Row (l to r): Mande Pollock, Breckyn Wilson, Lauren Morrison, Delaney McGinley
Back Row (l to r): Coach Allie Komarowski, Ariana Paul, Kelly Brichta, Michelle Rosenbaum, Claudia Kalin, Cayla Klawitter



dominating the COURT

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL RECORD
17-8
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL RECORD
"A" team 15-5, "B" team 7-3



"My favorite memory was running to Ogden Gardens on the last practice and bonding."

Katherine Dalzatto '11

Quick Facts With Coach Komarowski

- Q:** What are some of the team's goals for this year?
A: To show that we are a powerhouse to be dealt with.



"I think that the most important quality about being on a team is playing as a team and doing it for everyone, not just yourself."

Breckyn Wilson '11



"I couldn't have asked for better team members. We all got so close and became such good friends."

Lauren Morrison '11

Varsity Girls Basketball

Front Row (l to r): Tara Villarreal, Kelsie Ostojic, Jordan Longstreth

Middle Row (l to r): Ariana Paul, Casey Crozier, Maggie Freeman, Abbey Ford

Back Row (l to r): Coach David McGonigle, Christine Brichta, Hayley Costas, Stefanie Lang, Rebecca Hoefler, Kayla Von Tobel, Coach Kathy Levandoski



1. Sophomore Stephanie Lang tips the jump ball to a teammate.
2. Freshman Michelle Rosenbaum looks over plays with Coach Kathy Levandoski.

"My favorite thing about being on the team is my teammates. They always make me laugh."



Christine Brichta

Phobia: railings on tall buildings
Superpower: invisibility
Favorite TV show: *House*

Senior Christine Brichta had been playing basketball for ten years. "I loved the competition and having to react to situations on the court under pressure," said Brichta. She played guard on the varsity team.

Besides basketball, Brichta was also in the Creating a Safer School Mentoring program, the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Key Club, and she volunteered at the Spring Valley Homeless Shelter's food pantry.

She worked at The Courts, an indoor basketball and sports facility.

After graduating, she planned to go to college to study Kinesiology and major in Movement Science.



Tara Villarreal '09

"I have been playing basketball since I was four, and I plan on playing for as long as I can."

Kelsie Ostojic '10



"My pre-game rituals are to listen to warm-up songs on my iPod and re-lacing my ankle braces."

Kayla Von Tobel '09





Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

Front Row (l to r): Ann Sarkisian, Natalie Bohn, Emily Selbert

Back Row (l to r): Coach Mark Knauff, Ashleigh Clinkenbeard, Michelle Rosenbaum, Alexandra Ogden



Shooting for the Stars

VARSITY RECORDS 8-6

JV RECORDS 12-6



Quick Facts With Coach McGonigle

Q: What do you enjoy the most about coaching?

A: "I enjoy the comprehensive development of each player as a person and a player for the goal of a team!"



"I started playing basketball in kindergarten because I thought it was fun, and I loved the game."

Ariana Paul '11



"When I was little I'd sit in my stroller watching my family play basketball, so it was just natural for me to join the game when it was my turn."

Alexandra Ogden '11



"My favorite part about being on the team is that when you mess up, you always have someone to support you. Everyone works together to accomplish one goal."

Ann Sarkisian '10

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Front Row (l to r): Steve McGuirl, Mark Hofferth, Kyle Jacques, Brent Hill, Brad Cozza

Back Row (l to r): Adam Butterfield, John Saltanovitz, Rick Freeman, Derek Kennett, Jerrick Suiter, Coach Matt Thomas



1. The freshman team huddles up before playing the game.



2. Nick Galovzls jumps for the ball at the start of a game.



JV RECORDS: 19-1

FRESHMEN RECORDS: 20-0



Bradley Cozza

Nickname: Brad

Phobia: deep water and big insects

Favorite TV show: "Still Standing"

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself". This quote by F.D.R. was senior Brad Cozza's favorite quote. Cozza, who was the manager of the boys basketball team for five years, taped the JV/Varsity games and "helped out wherever he was needed".

"It was the closest I could come to being a member of a sports team, as I am not athletically inclined," said Cozza.

Cozza wanted to be a manager of an airport or airline. If Cozza could have one wish, it would include being through with college.



"I work hard practicing every week at school and at home. I have to put a lot of time into studying plays and scouting the other team."

John Saltanovitz '10

"I started playing basketball when I was very little. A lot of my friends were doing it, so I thought it would be fun."

Adam Butterfield '09





Freshmen Boys Basketball

Front Row (l to r): Tamim Abulhassan, Sam Ficklen, Jay Doane, Jason Watson, Chad Barton, Dom Coatsilonia, Joel Bishop, Nick Simon, Alex Hathoot, Matt Wagner
Back Row (l to r): Coach Dean Pichan, Arnie Gough, Billy Timmerman, Steve Ziolkowski, Adam Peterka, Nick Galouzis, Will Fortson, Dan Hummel, John Clymer, Coach John Gutierrez



squaring up



Nathan Przybl-Gallagher, Jay Doane, Nick Galouzis, and Dom Coatsilonia wait for the game to begin.



"I started playing basketball because that's what my friends were doing, but as I continued to play, I've had a growing passion for the game."

John Clymer '11

Quick Facts With Coach Gutierrez

Q: What is your favorite part of being a coach?
A: "Being able to work along side student athletes and teaching both game and life lessons. I have learned from many great coaches over the years."



"I have given up many vacations, summers, and many days of the week for basketball, but in the end, it's worth it to me."

Jay Doane '11



One sacrifice is that I have had to get haircuts frequently. Ohh, and I can't be out late on Friday nights because of early Saturday practices."

Nick Simon '11





Trent Redington
guards one of
Portage's players.



Sophomore Matt Hittinger looks for an open teammate.



The varsity team
warms up before
a game.



Coach Benedict
consults the ref
about a call during
a game.



Andy Martin hustles
down the court
after the ball is
thrown in.



Fans dress up to
support the team.



An athletic
trainer checks to
make sure
Trent Redington
is okay.

RECORDS

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"We have to sacrifice a lot of our free time after school and on weekends but if it is for something you love, it is worth it."



Hayden Humes
attempts to rebound
the ball.



Trent Redington

hero: Jason "Jet" Terry
dream car: a car with butterfly doors
weirdest phobia: bugs

"If I had one wish, I would wish to play college basketball," said senior **Trent Redington** who was on his way to getting his wish. He was a starter for the Valpo varsity basketball team and had been playing basketball forever.

Besides basketball, **Redington** liked to collect sports cards and listen to rap music. His favorite TV show was *Sports Center*. After high school, he wanted to be a sports agent. "I loved it [basketball]!" said **Redington**.



Scott Ostojic '08

"I started playing basketball when I was 2 years old; I liked to bounce the ball."



Hayden Humes '09

"This season was great. I enjoyed playing every day with my friends."

Brad Karp '10



Varsity Boys BasMketball

Front Row (l to r): Manager Steve McGuiri, Andy Martin, Peter Ferrari, Scott Ostojic, manager Brad Cozza
Second Row: Coach Chris Benedict, Brad Karp, Matt Hittinger, Trent Redington, Hayden Humes, John Berning, Eric Jackson, Coach Matt Thomas, Coach Ben Lieske



banking the
shot



"I started playing basketball when I was about 4 years old. Watching my older brother play has inspired me."

Andy Martin '10



"Even though we didn't have the season we wanted, it's not about the wins and losses in the end. It's about the bonds I made with my teammates and the memories I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Eric Jackson '09



"I really enjoyed the season and had a great time playing basketball with all my friends. The pasta parties before each game were a blast."

John Berning '09

Quick Facts With Coach Benedict



Q. What is the biggest sacrifice you have to make for the team?

A. "I love doing what I do, so really, there is no sacrifice."



The swimmers do their team cheer before the meet.



Junior **Colleen Sikorski** gets prepared to start her race.



Freshman **Jeannie Nolan** positions herself for a clean entry into the water.



Members of the boy's swimming team cheer on the girls.



Before the meet, senior **Sam Bowker** leads the team around the pool.



Fellow swimmers cheer on their teammates.



Senior **Emily Welter** leads the team in cheer.



Brittany Alamillo '09

"When I was nervous for a meet a teammate said to me, *Brittany, there are 2 million people in China that could care less if you do good or bad tonight!*"

RECORD

7-4



"If I could change one thing about swimming, it would be the early morning practices... the pool is so cold!"



Alissa Johnson '09

Maddie Miskulin

Favorite TV Show: *That 70's Show* and *Scrubs*
Superpower: Invincibility
Biggest phobia: the dark

Junior **Maddie Miskulin** began diving her sophomore year of high school. For the majority of her childhood, Miskulin was a gymnast, but decided to switch sports after entering high school.

This past year, she proved to everyone that she made the right decision by placing 6th in the state diving meet.

After high school, she plans on going into engineering and attending either Purdue, Notre Dame, or MIT.

The best advice she ever received was, "Whatever happens, happens. But whatever you do, don't give up and push through."



"The best advice I have ever received is, 'If you're not first, you're last.'"
 -Ricky Bobby"



Ella Meyer '10

"I've always loved to swim but what really keeps me going is the girls on the team. We're like family and I love it."



Molly Guffin '10



JV & Varsity Swimming

Front Row (l to r): Erica Wirsing, Karitza Medina, Maddie Miskulin, Alissa Johnson, Sam Bowker, Aeelah Howard, Paige Huck, Katie Courtney, Katie Lichtenberger, Sarah Todd, Jamie Hootnick, Christin Gellinas, Hopey Fink.

Second Row: Coach Siminski, Danie Hoffmann, Lauren Christiansen, Abby Keszal, Victoria Clausen, Jill Ridder, Brittany Alamillo, Basia Niziolek, Sam Bertram, Megan Harsh, Katalin Hartman, Marissa Hoshaw, Autumn Cole.

Third Row: Coach Sattler, Molly Guffin, Megan Price, Ellen Kozelka, Ella Meyer, Emily Cole, Karin Rozendaal, Kacey Gergely, Audrey Cole, Chloe Strycker, Emily Welter, Colleen Sikorski, Jeannie Nolan, Coach Chappo.

making a splash



"I really enjoy spending time with the team and all the pasta parties!"

Kacey Gergely '08



"The highlight of my season was being able to swim my best times at JV DAC."

Audrey Cole '11

Quick Facts With Coach Sattler

Q & A:

Q: What do you enjoy most about coaching?

A: "That brief moment in time when I see the combined look of elation, shock, awe, and pride on a swimmer's face when she achieves her goal."



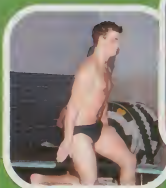
"I started diving because Coach Chappo recruited me while I was at the vending machine."

Paige Huck '11



"I enjoy being part of a team and working hard for something that you want."

Emily Welter '08



Senior Brody Carter prepares for a dive.



Nick Alasavich aggressively swims butterfly.



Kris Pullins dives in and begins to race at the sound of the bell.



Chris Blue swims breaststroke during a race.



Swimmers cheer before the meet begins.



Alex Gergely swims butterfly during a home meet.



Senior **Ben Shuta** swims freestyle in a meet against Michigan City.



Dillon Radosevich '10

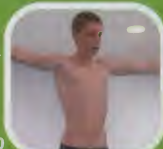
"I love that I can get a great workout and stay healthy."

RECORD

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"Diving is awesome because it is a great workout and a lot of fun."



James Raber '10

Ben Shuta

Favorite movie: 300

Favorite quote: "No retreat, no surrender, that is that Spartan law!"

Senior **Ben Shuta** has been a dedicated swimmer ever since the age of five, when his older brother started to swim.

As a team captain this year, his favorite part has been shaving his head for big meets. "I also really like being tight with all the guys and coaches," said Shuta.

When he is not swimming, Shuta coaches the age group team, runs, bikes, and hangs out with friends. After high school, he plans to either go to Purdue or The US Coast Guard Academy.



"I loved all the energy around the pool during meets. It was really fun."

Chris Blue '10



"My advice to other swimmers would be push through the pain, it pays off in the end."

K.C. Wuebbeling '08





JV & Varsity Swimming

Front Row (l to r): Tony Trinosky, Robbie Johnson, Tyler Leeth, James Raber, Matt Cain, Nick Alasavich, Nathan Berbesque, Ian Moore.
 Second Row: Coach Bill Chappo, Alex Porucznik, Bryan Coiter, Ethan Monroe, Dillon Radosevich, Sean Diaz, Eric Schoer, Alex Gergley, David Beckwith, Coach Hall.
 Third Row: Ben Shuta, Brody Carter, Gianni Galbiati, Corbett Miller, K.C. Wuebling, Joe Galbiati, Jeff Skelton, Kris Pullins

making a splash



Alex Porucznik '10

"The most important quality for a swimmer to have would be being able to hold your breath for Coach Hall's ridiculous underwater sets."



"Having the feeling of accomplishment you get when you swim is really rewarding."

Nick Alasavitch '11



"My advice to aspiring divers would be keep your head high, and leave it all on the board."

Brody Carter '08



"You can't take the sport lightly, competition is hard and practices are worse, but at the end, you will feel better then ever before."

David Beckwith '08

Quick Facts With Coach Hall

Q. Why did you want to become a coach?

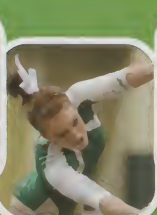
A: "I love the sport and wanted to be a part of it. Besides, after being a swimmer since I was 6, I wouldn't know what else to do with my time."



Senior **Katelyn Skinner** prepares for her next move on the beam.



Junior **Kellie Kidd** swings around the bar during a meet.



Freshman **Kalyn O'Brien** jumps onto the vault.



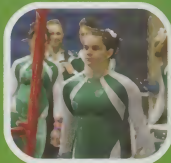
Senior **Jenna Agee** uses her balance skills on the bars.



Junior **Taylor Rose** works her way down the balance beam.



Senior **Kathy Rawley** performs her floor routine.



Junior **Jessica Johnson** gets ready to perform on the bars.



Kaitlyn Neis '10

"Don't try something without knowing what you're doing. Take it step by step and learn the right technique."

**undefeated
State
Champions**



"I enjoy learning new tricks. It's fun having teammates by your side boosting your confidence."



Catie Allen '10

"Each event is a new opportunity to achieve more skills. Gymnastics has the emotions of fear and exhilaration, which make the sport very exciting."



Ana Bates '09

"In gymnastics, there is no limit to what you can do. You can always learn a new skill or improve what you can already do."



Emily Holmen '09

Kellie Kidd

Favorite Movie: *Just Friends*
Favorite Hobby: Shopping
Phobia: Being trapped in a one person bathroom

Kellie Kidd was a junior this year, and it was her first year as a gymnast at Valparaiso High School. She enjoyed gymnastics because it combined grace, strength, flexibility, and flipping was always fun for her. She believed that you should only do gymnastics if you love it or else you won't be able to handle the constant body pains and hand rips.



Girls Gymnastics

Front Row (l to r):

Jessica Johnson,
Anna Bates, Catie
Allen, Jenna Agee,
Kaly'n O'Brien

Back Row (l to r):

Katelyn Skinner,
Abbey Sutton, Taylor
Rose, Emily Holmen,
Kellie Kidd, Kathy
Rawley, Kaitlyn Nels



making it happen



The girls sit together on the sidelines cheering on their teammates as they compete in their events.



"You have to enjoy gymnastics and have a passion for it. If you are doing it because you have to and not because you want to you will never excel. You have to want to be good to become good."

Kathy Rawley '08

Quick Facts With Coach Laurie Cook

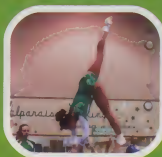


Q: What advice would you give an aspiring gymnast?

A: "Success comes through working hard and perseverance. Stay the course; the journey is worth it!"



Junior **Anna Bates** holds her balance on the beam displaying her flexibility.



"In gymnastics you really have to be not only physically strong but mentally as well."

Abbey Sutton '08

Varsity

Front Row (l to r): Ashley Panozzo, Emily Reshkin, Jessica Feczko, Sarah Heath

Middle Row (l to r): Colln Stiscak, Paul Bernaschina, Kris Rosario, Jon Westmoreland, Chad Miller, Jake Johnson, Otto Proud

Back Row (l to r): Tommy Churchard, Nate McGhee, Alex Miller, Cory Whickar, Zach Greiner, Josh Kazee, Will Hoefflicker, Eric Shinabargar



1. Alex Miller won seventh out of sixteen in the 140 pound weight class for individual state wrestling.

2. Eric Shinabargar takes down his opponent.



Chad Miller gets ready to start a match.



Tommy Churchard

Nickname: Creme Team

Dream car: Silver Porsche 911 GTX

Favorite TV show: *Dirty, Sexy Money*

Tommy Churchard has been wrestling for twelve years. He decided to become a wrestler because of his father, who was a state champion and an All-American in college.

Churchard's most memorable moment was making it to the individual state finals to wrestle in front of 15,000 people and have his hand raised under the spotlight.

"I am the state champion at 130 pounds. Winning the state title was a justification of all the time, effort, and sacrifices I made."

Churchard is the fourth state champion in VHS history. "Winning the state title was the perfect ending to my senior season. You'll only get the results you've earned," said Churchard.



Austin Chentnik wins his match against his competitor.



Sterling Vugrin gets points back from Lake Central.



Junior Varsity



Front Row (l to r): Jessica Bunchek, Jonelle Tucker, Lauren VanZuidam

Middle Row (l to r): Sterling Vugrin, Keenan Young, Justin Turner, Hayden Higgins, Ryan Henke, Adam Comegys, Mike Hermes, Nate Timmons, Austin Chentnik

Back Row (l to r): Christian Vlasic, John Williams, Ryan Hayes, Doug Demorotski, Ben Keller, Garrett Jones, Kevin Krupchak, Steven Feeney, Dan Rankin, David Walker

Pinning them down



VARSITY RECORDS

15-11

JV RECORDS

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"Wrestling makes you a better person. It builds character, responsibility, and respect. It is yourself and your opponent, no teammates to help you or hurt you."

Otto Proud '08



"Every day at the end of practice we always end with doing something extra because doing extra is what counts."

Josh Kazee '09



"If you choose to cut weight it is pretty hard to stay under weight because food looks and tastes ten times better."

Will Hoefflicker '09

Quick Facts With Coach Evans

Q: What do you enjoy about wrestling and why?

A: "I like to see hard work and dedication pay off. Wrestling is one of the most demanding sports a kid can participate in. Wrestling is not for everyone. Otherwise, everyone would join."

Q & A:



Sailing over, sophomore **Kacie Marshall** clears the high jump bar.



Freshman **Stephanie Fisher** clears a hurdle.



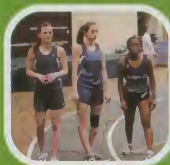
The girls line up to begin the race.



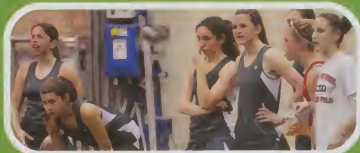
Coach Matt Snoeyink and **Coach Mick Cavanaugh** converse during the meet.



Junior **Maddie Miskulin** prepares to pole vault.



Members of the team wait for their race to begin.



Coach Cavanaugh instructs freshman **Sarah Wallace**.



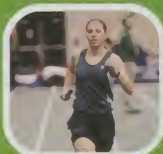
Junior **Taylor Rose** clears her next hurdle.

RECORD

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"Anyone who wants to join track should be devoted. Always go the extra mile and listen to the advice the upperclassmen give you."



Melissa Moeller '09

"In order to be on the team, I had to sacrifice a lot of my time and sleep to come in for workouts."

Ruth Sanders '09

"Track is a lot of fun, and if you are willing to work hard, it's worth it. You'll get to meet a bunch of new, interesting, and exciting girls that are so much fun to be around."

Hanna Mueller '09

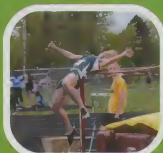
Abbey Sutton

Favorite TV Show: Food Network
Biggest phobia: Moving away and living on my own

Senior **Abbey Sutton** has been pole vaulting since her freshman year, and still is not tired of it. "The best part of this season was going down to state for the fourth year in a row. It never gets old," said **Sutton**.

She finished her career by placing second at state last May, placing fourth during her junior year, and reaching her goal of clearing 13 feet. **Sutton** also led her gymnastics team to a state championship earlier this year.

Next year, she will attend Florida State University on a Pole Vault scholarship and study Sports Marketing and Management.





Girls JV & Varsity Track

Front Row (l to r): Nikki Sims, Erica Wirsing, Ashleigh Shields, Annalese Brandt, Amanda Groves, Maddie Miskulin, Cindy Rawley.

Second Row: Kass Van Keppel, Jordan Jones, Blaney Keough, Hanna Mueller, Olympia Burgess, Cassandra Sorenson, Denise Gonzales, Brittany Smith, Kristen Shrader, Britzany Williams, Marisa Rals, Katie Uchtenberger.

Third Row: Staci Sgouroudis, Paige Huck, Jessica Stanfill, Megan Ranegar, Emma Weismann, Jill Ranegar, Kaitlyn Neis, Kate Nowosad, Abbey Sutton, Kellie Kidd, Taylor Rose, Caitlin Gooding.

Fourth Row: Savannah Sims, Julia Sobek, Christy St. John, Ashley Hoshaw, Megan Graykowski, Ashlea Olsen, Abbey Johnson, Kelsea Olsen, Alexandria Robinson, Kelsey Hensrud, Stephanie Fisher, Sarah Heath.

Fifth Row: Katie Sommer, Kim Walker, Meen Boribounne, Andrea Kalasountas, Kate Sanders, Melissa Moeller, Bri Petty, Taylor Fleeman, Claudia Kalin, Ashleigh Clinkenbeard, Cassi Kirk, Marisa Matuska.

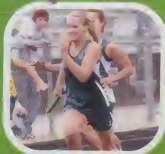
Sixth Row: Coach Mick Cavanaugh, Coach Matt Snoeyink, Coach Allie Komarowski, Coach Karen DeVries.

ON track



"Some of my friends joined track and really liked it, so I thought I'd give it a try and I ended up really enjoying it!"

Kelsea Olsen '09



"My favorite thing about practice was getting together as a team and watching everyone on the team become the best they could be."

Jordan Jones '08

Quick Facts With Coach Snoeyink

Q. Have you always wanted to be a coach? If so, what do you enjoy most about coaching?

A. "Ever since I started running for Coach Polizotto in 1998, I have wanted to coach track. I love being able to see my athletes improve and grow in the sport."



"I was inspired to do track because some of my friends were doing it so I thought I would give it a try."

Mandy Groves '09



"Getting to state was an amazing experience that I never thought I could accomplish. It just goes to show you that hard work pays off."

Katie Sommer '10



Runners take off at the start of the 100m dash.



Sophomore **Michael Gasaway** throws the discus.



Senior **Matt Meyer** receives the baton from **Michael Moore** during the 4x800m relay.

Boys JV & Varsity Track

Front Row (l to r): Doug Demorotski, Clayton Marshall, Tamara Abulhassan, Justin Hreha, Rob Johnson, Justin Schafer, Jon Westmoreland, Michael Babos, Aaron Velasquez, Mark Evans, Scott Austin, Colin Stiscak, Nick Violanti, Jake Ledrew, Yasuyuki Terada. Second Row: Brandon O'Neil, Ben Kucinski, Matt Menon, Jacob Waugh, Christian Villoria, Brian Aggrey, Nate Timmons, Austin Chermak, Eric Kessler, Scott Dodson, Scott Stegenga, Brad Colter, Pat Bushbaum, Tyler Kitzbridge, Tommy Higgins. Third Row: Lucas Zromkowski, Jay Doane, John Williams, Adam Maron, Alex Kane, Drew Wenger, Nick Thompson, Alfonso Bray, Scott Brown, Brian Tran, Nick Reineke, Bob Yarrinton, Jake Hreha, Matt Wagner, Ian Woodie. Fourth Row: Torrey Brock, Billy Wunder, Nate Malone, Matt Hillis, Kevin Plet, Mike Pavell, Matt Meyer, Scott Shimada, James Ellis, Henry Meyer, Adam Thoma, Gunnar Voss, Zach Thomas, Alex Paul, Brian Goodaker. Fifth Row: CJ Skok, Phillip Spencer, Ryan Ellis, Michael Moore, Collin Willing, Will Fortson, David Mullins, Nick Corryell, Michael Gasaway, Mark Shimada, Tyson Daake, John Berning, Zach Greiner, Nik Belancin, Connor Snap. Sixth Row: Coach Polizotto, Coach Kolish, Coach Nallenweg, Coach Heffner



Junior **Pat Buchbaum** competes in the 75m hurdles.



Junior **Brenden Pope** passes the baton to **Matt Burgess**.



Sophomore **Andrew Martin** clears the bar in high jump during a home meet.

RECORD

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"My favorite part of the season was participating in the fat man relay."

Ryan Ellis '08



Nate Malone

Favorite Band: Ben Folds

Favorite Quote: "Go big or go home"

Phobia: Failure

Junior **Nate Malone** started pole vaulting his freshman year, and has loved it ever since.

"I like being with the boys, and doing something I love," said **Malone**.

As a sophomore, **Malone** won pole vault at the DAC meet and competed at state, which he hoped to do again this year.

After winning sectionals and regionals, **Malone** proved himself as a strong competitor, who will return next year. **Malone** aspires to attend the University of Tennessee and continue pole vaulting.



"The best part of this season has been "the hurdle crew" and winning sectionals."

Brian Tran '08



"I joined the team to get faster for football, and I love hanging out with my teammates."

Kevin Plet '09





ON track



"I joined because I had high hopes of acquiring many girlfriends over the four years. It didn't really work out how I planned."

Billy Wunder '08



"Try to become the fastest you can, because you choose how fast you want to be."

Shane Flanagan '10



"The team camaraderie has been great this year. I couldn't have asked for a better senior year."

Michael Moore '08



"My advice to an aspiring runner would be try your hardest."

Drew Wenger '08

Quick Facts With Coach Kolish

Q & A:

Q: What has been the most rewarding thing about coaching?

A: "Watching the kids set goals, put in the effort and time to get better, and ultimately reaching that goal."

Front Row (l to r): Arpita Appannagari, Katie Hamer, Jalmea Janiga, Katie Reed, Katie Courtney, Becca Henaghan, Katie McDonald, Stephanie Truax, Sara Frey, Natalie Bohn.

Back Row (l to r): Coach Bob Barthold, Lauren Kammerer, Colleen Tucker, Hannah Savage, Logan Andrews, Tara Thomas, Lauren Hoffman, Allison Hauser, Jillian Ridder, Michelle Walla, Coach Gary Dixon.



1. Bri Sever steps forward to retrieve the ball.

2. Players Bri Sever, Christina Rodich, Mia Kallsch, and Arpita Appannagari pose for a picture after a match.



Coaches Bob Barthold and Gary Dixon give the girls a pep talk before their matches.



"I went into each match with the mindset that each and every game was going to be a challenge."

Krista Schaefer 08'

Christina Rodich

Nickname: Stina

Favorite vacation spot: Cancun

Favorite quote: "Love means nothing to a tennis player."

Junior Christina Rodich joined the girls tennis team simply because "it was inevitable".

Since playing on the team, Rodich has learned how to be a better leader.

She usually prepares for matches by listening to music and trying to take her mind off tennis. When she is not on the court, Rodich enjoys watching TV shows such as *One Tree Hill*, *Lost*, *Gossip Girl*, and *Grey's Anatomy*.



"The best part of being on the team is getting the opportunity to get close with girls that you wouldn't normally get to know."

Allison Hess 10'



"The best part of being on the team is being able to walk off the court after an intense match knowing you played your heart out."

Jordan Lewandoski 10'





**Sectional Champions
Varsity Team**
Back Row (l to r): Coach
Bob Barthold, Sara Frey,
Allison Hess, Krista
Schaefer, Christina Rodich,
Allison Hauser, Briana
Sever, Coach Gary Dixon
Front Row (l to r): Emily
Moore, Mia Kalisch.



loving the game

VARSITY RECORDS
10-7
JV RECORDS
8-6



"My greatest inspiration
is my little brother. His
love for the game
makes me enjoy it."

Mia Kalisch 09'

Quick Facts With Coach Barthold



Q: What has been your
greatest accomplishment
as a coach?

A: "The continuing
relationship with players
after their high school
careers have ended."



"I think that the most
challenging team to play
was Munster. They are a
tennis factory."

Emily Moore 10'



"I joined the tennis
team because I love
the sport and the
competitive nature of
the game. I love
competitive sports;
they help me learn a lot
about myself, other
people, and life itself."

Bri Sever 09'

Junior Varsity Boys Baseball

Front Row (l to r): Scott Kickbush, Cole Judy, Cody Triscik, Kyle Wagner, Tony Gallinatti, Dom Coatsolonia, Ryan Bays

Second Row (l to r): Lucas Lawson, Greg Bend, Mark Hofferth, Matt Lemarie, Jeremiah Withrow, John Clymer, Coach John Gutierrez



Freshmen Boys Baseball

Front Row (l to r): Joel Bishop, Chris Haller, Nick Elia, Patrick Reineke, Gregg Simms, Nick Simon, Corey Wagner, Marc Shideler, Andrew Withrow

Second Row (l to r): Keenan Kirkpatrick, Jordan Landgrebe, Billy Timmerman, Adam Peterka, Dan Hummel, Derek Holevinsky, Zach Hannah, Coach Todd Evans



Ben Olejniczak

Nickname: Ole

Phobia: Girls

Favorite Movie: *Saving Private Ryan*

Ben Olejniczak was a junior this year at Valparaiso High School. He has been playing baseball since he was five years old. He believed that players should respect their coaches and teammates, as well as their opponents. He listens to almost all genres of music, but his favorite bands are *Death Cab for Cutie* and *My Children, My Bride*. He plans on playing baseball in college and wants to study atmospheric or business science.



Senior Matt Lasky pitches the ball to the opposing team.



"I have played baseball my whole life so it is something that I decided I wanted to continue doing for fun."

Ben Wilson '09



"My favorite part about being on the team this year was bonding with my teammates. It was by far the best team I've played for."

Dom Coatsolonia '11





Varsity Boys Baseball

Front Row (l to r): Eric Green, John Miller, Rick Schultz, Tyler Wilson, Jerry Vasile, Todd Miner, Tony Hite

Second Row (l to r): Coach Mickey Morandini, Coach Bryan Slewinn, Ben Wilson, Michael Slack, Ben Olejniczak, Matt Krantz, Matt Lasky, Gage Dobbins, Jerrick Sulter, Alex Sarkisian, Coach Tim Holmes

striking them out



VARSITY RECORDS
13-15
JV RECORDS
18-4



Tony Hite '09



Jerry Vasile '08



Quick Facts With Coach Morandini

Q: What made you decide to become a baseball coach?

A: "After I retired from the Major Leagues, I always thought that I had what it takes to be a good coach. I had great coaches myself and learned a lot about the game."

"My favorite part about being on the baseball team this year was the great competition and the new things I learned."

Scott Kickbush '10



"Baseball is very important in my life. I want to follow in my father's footsteps at VHS."

"I have been playing baseball for fourteen years, and I love the game."



In the dug out, players take a break.

Junior Varsity Softball

Front Row (l to r): Katherine Dalzotto, Natalie Novello, Lindsey Holmes, Taylor Hendrix, Victoria Clausen, Casey Earl, Ashley Steinhilber, Cierra Svantner
Second Row (l to r): Coach Rebecca Rodriguez, Codi Dobbins, Alyssa Lindy, Ann Sarkisian, Stephanie Shettles, Sarah McCann, Natasha Holesinger, Cayla Klawitter, Manager Carrie Miller



1. Junior Nicole Bianco prepares to hit the ball.
2. Sophomore Ann Sarkisian throws the ball.



"The best part of being on the team was getting to know some awesome people who motivated me and helped me through more than just softball."



Jordan Longstreth

Favorite Movie: *Superbad*

Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*

Favorite Quote: "Find something you love to do and you'll never have to work a day in your life." Harvey Mackay

Senior Jordan Longstreth was a member of the varsity softball team. She had been playing softball for eleven years. "I love the sport and the players," said Longstreth. Her goals while she was on the softball team were to get better and have fun.

Longstreth plans to attend Indiana University and hopes to become a pediatrician or an actuary.

Longstreth's personal hero is her mom. "She's always there for me and she's always believed in me," said Longstreth.



Natalie Novello '10

"The best part of being on the team is making memories with some of my favorite people."



Casey Earl '10

"I enjoy playing the game I love with great friends and teammates."



Mathew Leuthart '09



Varsity Softball

Front Row (l to r): Amber Shuta, Katie Olejniczak, Morgan Olsen, Erin Gabriele, Lisa Kurtz, Sam Haller, Nicole Bianco, Jordan Longstreth
Second Row (l to r): Coach Kathy Levandoski, Haley Leuthart, Andrea Fraley, Kate Manning, Casey Crozier, Jennifer Stolarz, Emily Welter, Assistant Coach Tracy Cornell



striking them
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VARSITY RECORDS

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"I had so much fun with all the girls and improving each game. I can't wait until next year."

Lisa Kurtz '09

Quick Facts With Coach Levandoski

Q: What advice do you give your players?

A: "I advise them to do their best, do what is right, and treat others the way they want to be treated."



"Softball was amazing. Even though we did not have the best record, we still had fun."

Natasha Holesinger '11



"My personal goals for the season were to build confidence and improve my skills."

Erin Gabriele '10



Jeff Lenz lines up his shot.



Senior Cliff Bryan prepares to make a putt.



Junior Drew Ramirez swings his club.



Pat Cowan prepares to hit the golf ball.



Senior Scott Ostojic and **junior Neil Sarkisian** talk while carrying their clubs to the next hole.



Michael Gariup completes his swing as he hits the ball.



Senior Ryan Earl prepares to putt the ball.



JT Baldwin watches the landing of his golf ball.

Varsity Records: 18-5

JV Records: 17-2



"I joined the golf team because I love to play the game and compete."



Brian Bartholomew '10

Eric Lisak

music: country
favorite movie: *Tommy Boy*
hobbies: piano, guitar, golf

"When I was five, I started to play golf. I wanted to spend time with my grandpa," said junior **Eric Lisak**. Lisak has come a long way since. "I love being outside and spending time with my friends," said Lisak.

Lisak worked at Aberdeen Golf Course. He liked to watch "SportsCenter". Lisak was not sure what college he wanted to attend, but wanted to major in business or business law.



"I started playing golf when I was about 13 years old. My parents got me started and I ended up loving it."

Cliff Bryan '08



"I like playing golf every day with my friends. Plus, I like the competition."

Corey Beeler '09



Boys Golf



Front Row (l to r): Neil Sarkisian, Ryan Earl, Zac Lomaka, Michael Gariup, JT Baldwin, John Lomaka, Steve Bowker, Jeff Lenz, Pat Cowan.

Second Row (l to r): Andrew Ramirez, Eric Lisak, Brian Bartholomew, Cliff Bryan, Corey Beeler, Scott Ostojic, Tyler Blossfield, Coach Wayne Lichtenberger

Not Pictured: Coach Paul Pera and Coach Dave McGonigle

going for the green



Eric Lisak, Scott Ostojic, Cliff Bryan, and Zach Lomaka listen to Coach David McGonigle.



"I started playing golf when I was six-years-old because I wanted to be like my dad."

Zach Lomaka '08

Quick Facts With Coach Lichtenberger



Q: What made you want to coach the boys golf team?

A: "I played while in high school and college and it seemed like the next step for me."



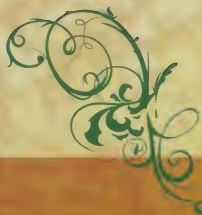
"Golf is a team sport, but you do everything by yourself. There is no one to hide behind when you play badly, but you get credit when you do well."

Scott Ostojic '08



"The guys on the golf team are awesome. We have fun."

Neil Sarkisian '09



Seniors **Kathy Rawley** and **Alex Sarkisian** attend the Superbowl held in Phoenix, Arizona.



The year 2008 has been quite a time! The 90's pop sensation, the Spice Girls (pictured above) reunited for a world tour. In addition, Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton ran a close contest for the Democratic nomination.

Lets not forget that singer Britney Spears hit a few bumps along the road. New shoes aired such as the CW's *Gossip Girl* and David Cook was selected as the American Idol.



Recording artist **Rihanna** topped the charts this year, in addition to going on tour with **Kanye West**.



Junior **Stasy Christos** met singer and fashion icon **Victoria Beckham**.

Principal **Patrick Weil** poses for a picture with senior **Donelle Henderson** at prom.



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MTV's Video Music Awards



Best New Artist:
Taylor Swift



Artist of the Year:
Kanye West

A Year in Review



The '90s pop sensation, the Spice Girls, perform at the United Center during their reunion tour.



The Girls Gymnastics Team placed first in the state competition.



Senator Hillary Clinton held a rally at Washington Township High School.



Juniors Joselyn Goldsmith, Hannah Coatsolonia, and Brittany Vasquez visit Crown Point hoping to catch a glance of actor Johnny Depp.



Most popular sporting event: Super Bowl



A Lane Bryant store located in Tinley Park, Illinois made national headlines after a masked gunman shot and killed five shoppers in early February.



Movie of the Year: Superbad



Best TV Show: The Office



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Best Reality Show: Rock of Love

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Even though many of us thought it would never arrive, the end of the school year is finally here. After anticipating it for so long it seems as if it went by a lot faster than any of us had expected. Every one of us has changed in a least one way or another. Many of us have grown through new experiences and have begun to finally discover who we truly are. Each one has undergone a certain event that we will remember for the rest of our lives. Some of us are still continuing the journey and learning new things each and every day. For many seniors, it is a bittersweet experience. We are happy to finally get out of high school and move on to college, but at the same time this building holds so many memories for us. We have traveled these halls for four years, and it has been somewhat of a home for us. Many of us have grown so close with our teachers, and they have become more than just educators but more like friends and mentors. They are people that we can count on and always feel comfortable going to for help. They have given us the best advice that they can provide, and now it is time for them to let us go and finally discover what the real world is all about. We can never be too sure where the road is going to take us, but we can guarantee that it will be a beautiful ride.

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The first effect of mechanization on the demand for labor is that it reduces the demand for labor. This is because mechanization replaces labor with capital. For example, a tractor can plow a field faster than a team of oxen, and a combine harvester can harvest a field faster than a team of oxen and a sickle.

The second effect of mechanization on the demand for labor is that it increases the demand for labor. This is because mechanization creates new jobs. For example, a tractor operator is a new job that did not exist before the tractor was invented. Similarly, a combine harvester operator is a new job that did not exist before the combine harvester was invented.

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